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Pittsburgh Conference

——OF THE——

M. E. Church,

——HELD AT——

Williamsport. Pa., October 8th to 15th. '90.

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OCTOBER 8, 1890.

The Twenty-third session of the Pittsburg Conference of the A. M. E. Church, assembled in Bethel Church, corner of Hepburn street and Erie avenue, Williamsport, Pa., at 9 o,clock a. m.

In the absence of Bishop Daniel A. Payne, Bishop of the 3rd Episcopal District. Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, of the 7th Episcopal District called the Conference to order and announced the first hymn.

Father W. G. Ralph led the Conference in an earnest and powerful prayer. Hymn on page 491 was sung. "O For A Heart to Praise My God."

The Bishop said that his idea of a conference was that it was not only a time for attending to things pertaining to the temporal interests of the church, but a time for Spiritual outthrowing. We want

to see whether or not the Holy Ghost is still with the Pittsburg Conference.

Rev. S. T. Jones offered prayer. The old time fire seemed to be re-kindled in his breast, while he thanked God for his Fatherly care during the past, and asked a continuation of his blessings.

Rev. W. H. Brown read the Ritual, which was heartily responded by the brethern.

Bishop Arnett read the First Psalm. The Bishop said, above every thing else he loved to meditate on the model man. Jesus was the model man of all ages. The world puts a premium on the ministers. Railroads and the people put a premium on the preachers; as Methodist preachers make a peculiar profession, we claim that God called us to be the model men. If God called us we must go. There are three places where you cannot find the model man: the council of the ungodly, the seat of the scounful, not stranding in the way of the sinners.

God writes His goodness so plainly that all nature can read it.

The model man walks uprightly: speaks the truth and works righteousness. He is a working man, and as a Methodist preacher is a praying man. He works in the Station, on the Circuit, and on the Missions. If he is sent to a poor charge he makes it a good one.

He refered to Father Ralph as having prayer in his mother's house, when he was a boy.

Bishop Arnett stated that Bishop D. A. Payne was sick, and according to his request Bishop Arnett was present to preside for Bishop Payne.

He expressed great pleasure in being permitted to meet with the brethren of the conference.

Revs. Buck and Benford were introduced to the Bishop and conference.

Immediately after calling the roll the conference proceeded to the election of Secretaries.

Rev. W. H. Brown moved that the old Secretaries be elected.

Rev. D. S. Bently moved as a substitute that we proceed to the election of Secretaries. Carried.

Rev. W. H. Brown nominated Rev. C. Asbury for Secretary.

Rev. W. S. Lowry nominated Rev. R. C. Ransom.

Rev. Asbury then arose and thanked the conference for having elected him Secretary for thirteen sessions, and that having served so long he desired to decline in favor of some of the younger men.

By motion of Rev. Bently, Rev. R. C. Ransom was unanimously elected Secretary.

Rev. R. H. Morris was elected Assistant Secretary, and Rev. S. C. Honesty Statistical Secretary.

The bar of the conference was extended to the fourth seat:

Brothers Sandy Christian and W. N. Young were elected Marshalls.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. H. Brown:

WHEREAS, we have seen the absolute necessity of establishing the Presiding Elder System in the conference,

Resolved, that 11 a. m. to-morrow be set apart to consider the matter.

Rev. D. S. Bently offered a motion that the Secretary send a telegram to Bishop D. A. Payne, expressing sympathy for him in his affliction, and that we pray for his success.

The Bishop then called for the reports.

FIRST P. E. DISTRICT.

Wylie avenue, D. S. Bently, pastor, reported, and his character was passed by the conference. East End, Rev. J. M. Morris, P. E. reported, character passed; South Side, Rev. W. H. Palmer, B. D. reported, character passed; Elizabeth Circuit, Rev. R. H. Morris, reported, character passed; Braddock, Rev. Alexander Smothers, reported, character passed.

SECOND P. E. DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel, Rev. I. N. Ross, P. E. reported, character passed; Monongahela City, Rev. F. D. Denny, reported, read by Elder Ross; Chartiers st. church, Allegheny, Rev. R. C. Ransom, reported, character passed; West Newton, Rev. A. E. Waldon, reported; character passed.

THIRD P. E. DISTRICT.

New Brighton, Cornelius Asbury, D.D. reported, character passed Bridgewater Circuit, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, reported; character passed.

FOURTH P. E. DISTRICT.

Brownsville, Rev. G. G. Skinner, P. E. reported, character pasesd; Uniontown, Rev. Carter Wright, reported, character passed; New Haven Circuit, Rev. J. J. Norris, reported, character passed.

FIFTH P. E. DISTRICT.

Oil City Circuit, Rev. W. S. Lowry, P. E. reported, character passed; Meadville, Rev. S. C. Honesty, reported, character passed; Bradford, Rev. W. H. Pride, reported, character passed; Franklin Mission, Rev. R. M. Henderson, reported, character passed.

SIXTH P. E. DISTRICT.

Washington, Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E. reported, character passed; Cannonsburg, Rev. G. C. Sampson, reported, character passed; West Middletown, Rev. J. W. Riley, reported, character passed.

SEVENTH P. E. DISTRICT.

Bellefonte circuit, Rev. C. H. Brown reported, character passed; Altoona, Rev. I. B. Till reported, character passed; Phillipsburg circuit, Rev. O. T. Davis, reported, character passed; Bedford and Everett, Rev. H. Johnson, reported, character passed.

EIGHTH P. E. DISTRICT.

Scranton, Rev. R. Tanner, P. E., reported, character passed; Waverly and Montrose, Rev. D. J. Johnson, reported, character passed.

NINTH P. E. DISTRICT.

Rev. C. A. McGee, P. E., of Wheeling, West Virginia, Rev. W. N. Young, reported, character passed; Parkersburg, Rev. C. H. Woodson, reported, character passed; Clarksburg, Rev. J. W. Amiss, reported, character passed; Charleston Mission, Rev. M. S. Jones, reporter, character passed. By motion of C. A. McGee, it was ordered that Brothers J. W. Amiss and M. S. Jones be sent before the committee on admission. Elder McGee read reports from Wyandotte, Morganstown and New River circuit. Conference adjourned with singing.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises, Bishop Arnett presiding. Hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung. Prayer by Rev. R. M. Henderson.

Rev. Richard Brown of Erie Station, read his report, character passed; Rev. Cyrus Brown of Burgettstown, reported, character passed; Rev. Sandy Christian McDonald, reported, character passed; Bro. J. W. Levat, reported the Bloomsburg work, character passed.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Bro. J. W. Levat, from the New York to the Pittsburgh conference.

Rev. H. G. Thomas, reported Milton and Muncy, character passed; Waynesburg, Rev. S. H. Lacy, reported, character passed; Rev. C. A. McGee, Presiding Elder of the West Virginia District, reported, He said the work in West Virginia had not been as successful as he desired, but despite many hinderances he had organized four new missions, and re-claimed some old work. One of the greatest difficulties was, to get men to take charge of the work.

Brother McGee clearified his report by an outline map of West Virginia, showing where the different missions and circuits were situated. He believed the A. M. E. Church, to be the only force to win

our people from sin, ignorance and superstition.

Rev. W. H. Brown asked Elder McGee if we had a chance of getting a foothold in West Virginia. Brother McGee replied that with a little money and the Grace of God, West Virginia could be rescued from the thraldom of ignorance and sin. The Bishop asked him whether failure was due to the field or the workmen. He replied that failure had been due to lack of force in the efforts put forth.

Brother Ashley, of the New York Conference,, was introduced to the Bishop and Conference.

The disciplinary questions were taken up.

Qestion XIII. What preachers are admitted on trial?

The Quarterly Conference, of Brown Chapel, recommended Bro. J. J. Jones.

Elder McGee presented the names of J. W. Amiss and M. S. Jones.

Elder W. H. Brown recommended Bro. West, of Cannonsburg. They were ordered before the committee on Admission. See report of committee.

XIV. Who remain on trial? Answer, J. J. Jones, Bro. West, and M. S. Jones.

XV. Who are admitted, on re-admission, to full connection? Answer, J. W. Jeffries, O. T. Davis and Peter Bowman.

XVI. Who have been elected and ordained Deacons and Elders this year? Deacons—Peter Bowman, O. T. Davis and J. W. Jeffries. Elders—Sandy Christian, David Johnson and W. H. Pride.

XVII. (*a*) Who have located this year? Answer, no one.

XVIII. Who have been elected to exercise the Episcopal office in, and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church? Ans. Daniel Alexander Payne, Alex. W. Wayman, Jabez P. Campbell, Thomas D. Ward, John M. Brown, Henry M. Turner, Richard R. Disney, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin Tanner, and Abraham Grant.

XIX. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Answer, F. D. Denny.

XX. Who are the superannuated preachers? Ans., Elder W. S. Ralph and Sugaras T. Jones.

XXI. Who have been expelled from the connection by this Conference? Answer, no one.

XXII. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference, and the connection? Answer, no one.

XXIII. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Answer, they are.

XXIV. What members of the Conference have died this year?

Answer, Joseph B. Jackson, on the 18th of March, at Wheeling, West Virginia, buried at Uniontown, Pa.

Preachers' Wives: Sister Frances Claude Louise Bently, on July 11th, at Pittsburgh, Pa., buried at Covington, Ga. Sister Lutecia Palmer, Born at Brownsville, Pa., 1856; died July, 1890, at Troy, O. Sister Rachael Smothers, Born in Fayette County, Pa.; died May 20th 1890, at Braddock, Pa.

XXV. Where are the preachers stationed this year? Ans. See appointments.

XXVI. Where shall our next conference be held? Ans. The names of Clarksburg, Franklin and Brown Chapel were presented. After much discussion with reference to the merits of the places named, Rev. I. N. Ross stated that Brown Chapel had not requested the conference, but that if they voted to go there, he believed they would be royally entertained. Vote resulted as follows:

Franklin 2, Brown Chapel 26, Clarksburg 6.

By motion of W. S. Lowry, the vote to go to Brown Chapel, was made unanimous.

Rev. I. N. Ross was appointed to respond to the address of welcome at the evening meeting service.

On motion conference adjourned.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

EVENING SESSION.

Session opened at 8 p. m., Bishop Arnett presiding. Religious Exercises conducted by Rev. J. W. Jones. Hymn sung, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The Bishop announced that the business of the evening, was a song and praise meeting, and reception of the conferences.

An address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, pastor of Williamsport station. He spoke many words of greeting, and cordial welcome to the Ministers and Visiting Friends. He believed the conference would do Williamsport good.

Rev. I. N. Ross responded to the address of welcome. The response was neat, appropriate, eloquent.

Rev. W. S. Lowry spoke of the material and moral progress of our people. He believed that with a greater increase of spiritual power, we could win 1,000 souls this year.

Dr. Embry next addressed the conference. After which the brethren engaged with great power and fervo., in a song and praise to God.

At the close of this service Bishop Arnett spoke some words of response to the cordial welcome extended by Rev. Wheeler. He said

that he had just counted up the census of our churches, and that we now had 4,009 churches, worth $7,000,000. The collection was lifted by Rev. Wheeler.

Adjournment.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by Rev. J. M. Morris. Bishop Arnett presiding.

Minutes of first days session read, corrected and adopted.

Rev. Asbury moved a reconsideration of the time of meeting in the afternoon session, and that we meet at 3 p. m., instead of 2:30.

Bro. S. T. Jones requested to be put on the Superanuated List. His request was granted.

Bishop Arnett introduced Dr. J. E. Embry, the business manager of the African Methodist Church. He set before the conference the business of his department. He said his department was never in better condition. He said that the chief support of the CHRISTIAN RECORDER was from the preachers, but that not more than one-half of one per cent of the people took it annually.

Rev. Samuel Creighton, of the Methodist Church, was introduced to the Bishop and Conference, and made a speech in favor of the Salvation of Sinners, after which the Bishop gave a recess for the brethern to buy Dr. Embry's "Digest of Christian Theology."

The report of Rev. F. D. Denny, of Monongahela City, was received by Elder I. N. Ross. He reported the work for Rev. Denny, and he was given a supernumerary relation in the conference.

Rev. W. G. Thaw of the Lutheran church, was introduced to the Bishop and Conference and given seat within the bar of the conference.

The hour having arrived to consider the subject of Presiding Eldership. The Bishop called the brethern all in. On motion by Rev. W. H. Brown, that we have the regular presiding eldership, Rev. W. H. Palmer stated that we are not ready for the full fledged Presiding eldership, and make quite a vigorous speech agninst the regular Presiding Eldership.

On Motion that the time be five minutes to each brother, after Rev. W. A. Brown shall have properly presented his resolution. Carried.

Rev. W. A. Brown arose and advocated his motion and referred the brethern to the law on Presiding Elders. He said he was willing to act as Presiding Elder; or he would do his duty, if he was placed under any Presiding Elder of this conference.

Rev. W. S. Lowry spoke against the regular Presiding Eldership. He stated that we have not the membership required by law, and it would not be the best thing for the conference and people.

Rev. Dr. C. Asbury spoke in favor of the resolution. Going back for a hundred years, he said that the Methodist Episcopal Church has had it, and succeeded well.

Rev. R. C. Ransom also spoke in favor of the motion, and said we have already lost too much by not having the system.

Rev. J. W. Riley said that he had been in favor of the system, but to-day he is against it, and believed we could succeed as well without the system.

Rev. G. C. Sampson said that he was once opposed to the system, but now he was in favor of it, and unless we have Presiding Elders, our church will be called to suffer. Therefore he was in favor of it.

Rev. S. H. Lacy said he had been converted in favor of the system.

Rev. J. M. Morris spoke concerning the increase of members and finance in his district. He further said that he thought that we are not able to sustain the system.

The Bishop stated that we should take recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises. Rev. A. Smothers offered prayer.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Rev. D. S. Bently moved that the discussion on the Presiding Eldership close at 4 P. M. Carried.

Rev. J. J. Norris opened the discussion by saying that the Presiding Eldership was not necessary, and would not be good for the work in general.

Rev. A. E. Waldon spoke in favor of it, and said let us try it, and trust God for the results.

Rev. R. Brown spoke also in favor of the regular Presiding Eldership and its benefits to the church.

Rev. Bently spoke and said that he was in favor of regular Presiding Elder system last year and was still in favor of it now. He stated that it was now time for us to take some step to move out and do move for God. If it be true that in 20 years we have only got 2807 members, it is time we re-adjusted our plans.

Rev. I. N. Ross spoke and said that he had failed to see how it will benefit us, but he was waiting for light in God's name.

Rev. C. A. McGee spoke in favor of the system.

Rev. Dr. C. Asbury made his last speech in favor of the system, saying: The people want it, and we need it, and without it our church goes down.

Rev. McGee stated that the quarterly conference of Parkersburg, Clarksburg, and Waynesburg, petitioned for the regular Presiding Elder.

Dr. C. Asbury read a communication from the the quarterly Conference of Washington, Pa., requesting the Annual Conference to adopt full P. E.

Rev. Ross, of the 2nd P. E. District reported that all the quarterly conferences in his district voted in favor of the Presiding Eldership as per Discipline.

Dr. Asbury stated that the Quarterly Conference at Bridgewater, Erie, and McDonald, voted in favor of the regular Presiding Elder system.

Presiding Elder Lowry stated that the sentiment in his District was in favor of the regular system.

Presiding Elder Wheeler stated that the matter had not been brought up before his Quarterly Conference.

The question was called on the original resolutions to have the P. E. system as per discipline. Affirmative, 17; Negative, 16.

Bro. W. H. Brown challenged the vote of Bro. Gilchrist, because he had not attended conference for 4 years.

Bishop Arnett ruled that Bro. Gilchrist had a right to vote.

Rev. W. H. Palmer challenged the vote, or count of the Secretary.

It was moved that the yeas and nays be taken on the resolusion. Carried

Vote resulted, yeas 22, nays 15.

Rev. J. J. Norris moved the vote be made unanimous. Carried.

Rev W. H. Palmer moved that three presiding Elders be apointed. Carried

Bishop Arnett apppointed the following committee to divide the conference into P. E. districts: Geo. C. Sampson, W. H. Palmer, Cornelius Asbury.

Dr. Asbury, D. S. Bently and C. A. McGee were appointed to speak at the missionary meeting at the evening session. After which the Missionary Society held its regular annual meeting.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises.

Singing by the choir.

Prayer by Elder Levat.

Minutes of the afternoon session read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by Rev. W. S. Lowry.

After singing by the choir the missionary hymn "Over the Ocean Wave" was sung with great power by the congregation.

Rev. Dr. Asbury addressed the meeting. He spoke of Christ as the Great Missionary, who went about from place to place, on the mountains, in the valley, by the shores of the lake and in the synagogue, doing good and preaching the Gospel. To be a successful Missionary the man must be full of the Spirit of Christ. The burning words of the Doctor's eloquent plea for missions produced a powerful effect on the congregation.

After another song by the choir, Rev. D. S. Bently addressed the meeting. He said that for Missionary effort to over-run the continent of Africa, the women must be aroused; so that they will work, pray, and discuss this matter around the hearthstone. Some plan should be adopted and simplified so our people could get hold of it and go to work.

The plan laid down in the discipline for the conference to follow in missionary work, should be enforced.

The earnest plea of Rev. Bently, which was clinched by the most convincing logic, closed with an eloquent appeal to the young.

Following Rev. Bently, Rev. C. A. McGee, P. E. of West Virginia, addressed the meeting with commanding presence, plain and unasuming words, he made a most fervent plea in favor of missions. He spoke of having gone into the coal mines, sleeping and eating with them, and preaching out in the open fields, with a stump for a pulpit. He believed the cause of missions could be advanced by the people working the way they prayed.

Dr. Embry followed with some helpful words. He said that there were two things we could do—pray and give. He said that money given to this cause was banked against the future.

Bishop Arnett in closing the discussion, said that we did not have any better religion, or love God more than anybody else, but we did give the Negro a better chance than anybody else.

The collection was lifted by the committee on missions.

Amount of collection, $25.65.

Benediction by Dr. J. C. Embry.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with divine service, conducted by Rev. W. H. Heard, of Bethel Church, Philadelphia. Bishop Arnett Presiding.

Minutes of evening session read and adopted.

Rev. Jenkins Williams, of Huntingdon and Lewistown read his report.

Bro. Williams was tardy because of the illness of his wife.

Bishop Arnett commended him for his devotion to his family and said a man who would not take care of his family could, get no appointment from him, and that a preacher who put all the clothes on himself and let his family be shabby could get no appointment.

Bro. Williams' character was passed.

A communication from the Y. M. C. A., extending to the conference, the privilege of their building was received.

It was moved by Dr. Asbury that we accept the invitation tendered and communication ordered spread on the minutes.

Rev. David Lewis of California Mission who was late getting in on account or illness of his child, read his report, character passed.

Bro. Israel Holmes was by consent ordered to go before the committee on admission.

The Bishop spoke of the impropriety of brethern steping over the altar. He said it should not be infringed on.

The committee on finance made a partial report.

Rev. I. N. Ross offered a resolution, asking the conference to endorse the agent whom the church at Monongahela should send out to solicit for the church.

On motion the resolution was adopted by the conference.

On motion by W. S. Lowry that the Marshalls of the conference be the mail carriers. Carried.

The Bishop called attention os the conference to the importance of seeing that the properties were correctly valued and statistics correct.

The committee on P. E. district reported.

Rev. Bently moved it be adopted. Carried.

The report was taken up by P. E. districts.

Rev. W. H. Brown moved to strike out the P. E. districts as reported for re-adjustment, that no part of Pennsylvania be included in West Virginia.

Rev. Sampson said that the Presiding Elders in Pennsylvania should not be over-loaded with work so they could go out and build up new work.

With the discussion pending conference adjouned.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened. Singing "Try us O God and Search the

Ground." Prayer by Rev. Richard Brown. Bishop Arnett presiding.

Minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

Rev. W. H. Brown resumed the discussion on the committee on Presiding Eldership. Discussion suspended.

Dr. J. A. Handy' Financial Secretary of the church was introduced.

Vote on the 1st section of the report on Presiding Elder district taken and carried; 2nd section, adopted; 3rd section, adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

By motion of R. C. Ransom a committee of three appointed to make assessments for the Presiding Elder's salary. Carried.

The Bishop called the records of the Literary Society, when they could be found.

An explanation was given by Revs. Bently and Morris, and after which Rev. Drs. Ganoe and Bernly were introduced to the Bishop and conference, Rev. Dr. Ganoe delivered some very encouraging words.

Dr. Handy, of Philadelphia responded representing Bishop Allen and African Methodism.

The conference and congregation sang, "Blest be the Tie, That Binds."

Rev. Ransom presented a Historical outline, for the Conference, for the purpose to collect Historical Information.

Dr. Emdry, of Philadelphia, addressed the conference upon the subject of Publication of Books. The Dr. said he would advise our young men that in writing books, write small books; write briefly, and porfoundly, and you can find buyers. He gave the conference information concerning the publication department, and the compiling of a hymnal.

On motion of Rev. Lowry, that Rev. Randsom received endorsment and co-operation of Conferences in his work of history of Pittsburg Conference on the passage of the resolution. The remarks were made by Revs. Asbury, Lowry, and Sampson. The motion was carried.

THIRD DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Conference convened at 8 P. M.

Religious services were conducted by Dr. Emery, of Philadelphia.

Hymn sung, "How Pleasant and Divinely Fair."

Dr. W. H. Hurd, of Bethel Church, Philadelphia, led in prayer. He said that he thanked God that we could bow under our own Vine and Fig Tree. He prayed for God to open the hearts and pockets for the great cause of Education.

The Bishop called for the report on education to be read.

Rev. J. M. Morris read the report.

The discussion was opened by Dr. W. H. Hurd. He said that we can see the effects of ignorance, when we look back and see what it has done for us. He said we should put forth greater efforts to develop the head, the minds and the heart. He said that our love for education would be known by our giving, and closed with an earnest appeal for education..

The Bishop introduced Dr. J. A. Handy the Financial Secretary, who came forward, and gave us a splendid speech upon the development of the race, growing back in the days that are passed, showing the great improvements that have been made by the oppressed race. He said that the black boy is being squared up to be fitted up in the building. He said go back 70 years, when you dared not come to the alter of God; but now you can bow anywhere, and worship God. The Fathers have done a wonderful work, but we have a greater work to do than they, after which Dr. Coppin, of Philadelphia, sang his Rally song.

Bishop Turner was introduced to the conference to make a few remarks. He said that the A. M. E. Church stand firmly on the side of education; saying that Bishop D. A. Payne was the leader of the race for education, and that others are now following on. He said that the A. M. E. Church has done more for the race than all the other colored churches put together. The good Bishop said he honored the fathers for the earnest work they have done; he trusted that they will always be held in grateful memories. He made a great appeal to the young men and ladies to move out to advancement and intelligence, to help lift up the race, after which a collection was taken up.

Amount of collection, $13.60.

Report of committee on public worship reported. See report.

On motion we accept the invitation to attend the reception on Monday night.

Adjournment and Benedition by Bishop Turner.

FOURTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with divine services, conducted by Dr. L. J. Coppin.

Hymn sung, "Try Us Oh God."

Prayer by Rev. Coppin.

Bishop Arnett presiding.

Minutes of Afternoon and Evening sessions read and adopted.

Rev. Bently moved that the Finance Committee give to the missionaries of the conference a partial appropriation. Carried.

Rev. Sampson reported three dollars additional to his money report.

Dr. Asbury asked the Bishop the meaning of the clause in discipline; Who is the "Treasurer of the Parent Body" in Foreign mission society?

Bishop Arnett answered that the Missionary Secretary was treasurer of the "Parent Body."

Rev. W. H. Brown offered the following resolution, seconded by Rev. Bently.

WHEREAS:—We have sent on to Bishop Payne, more than 40 per cent of the missionary money collected in the conference.

Resolved:—That we retain the balance in hand, which does not amount to our 60 per cent for our Home missionaries. Carried.

The Finance Committee read their recommendation as to appropriations to Widows, Orphans and Superannuated Preachers. See report.

Rev. Sampson moved that Rev. S. T. Jones receive $100.00, instead of $75.00 as recommended by the committee. Carried.

Rev. Asbury moved that the term "over age" contained in the report be stricken out, and "over 14 years be put in." Carried.

Rev. Asbury moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to give $50.00 to assist in paying salary of the assistant Professor at Wilberforce, be stricken from the committee's report. Rev. R. C. Ransom opposed the motion, and said that we ought to give the $50.00, and strengthen our Theological Department at Wilberforce. That we ought to give encouragement to this professorship, not as an end, but as a begining to do more.

Dr. Asbury said he was in favor of helping Wilberforce, but was not in favor of taking the $50.00 from our wives and children, who are in need, but was willing to be governed by the law. He said he was opposed to taking the bread from the mouths of our children to support a chair at Wilbreforce.

Rev. J. M. Morris spoke earnestly in favor of giving the amount to Wilberforce, and said, it would not cause any one to suffer.

Rev. W. H. Brown closed with a speech, heartily endorsing the recommendation of the committee. The motion of Dr. Asbury was carried.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted as amended.

The Bishop ordered the vote to be called, to give those a chance to respond, who had subscribed to the endowment of Wilberforce.

W. H. Brown,	Paid	$1.00
W. S. Lowry,	"	2.50
B. Wheeler,	"	2.50
Dr. C. Asbury,	"	2.50
J. M. Morris,	"	2.50
G. C. Sampson,	"	2.50
Miss Bessie Alexander, E. E-, Pittsburgh,	"	2.50
Mrs. Lou Sanders,	"	2.50
Tillie Graham,	"	2.50
J. J. Norris	"	2.50
Richard Tanner,	"	2.50
J. W. Riley,	"	2.50
Richard Brown,	"	2.50
R. H. Morris,	"	2.50
David Lewis,	"	2.50
W. H. Palmer,	"	2.50
R. M. Henderson,	"	2.50
S. H. Lacy,	"	2.50
G. G. Skinner,	"	2.50
I. N. Ross,	"	2.50
Mrs. J. Mosset, Monongahela City,	"	2.50
S. C. Honesty,	"	2.50
A. E. Waldon,	"	2.50
D. S. Bently,	"	2.50
R. C. Ransom,	"	2.50
C. A. McGee,	"	2.50
L. Randolph, Caperton, W. Va	"	2.50
Mrs. Maggie E. Wheeler, Cannonsburg,	"	2.50
Rev. A. Smothers,	"	2.50
D. J. Johnson	"	2.50
W. N. Young,	"	1.00
W. H. Pride,	"	2.50
H. Johnson,	"	2.50
C. N. Woodson,	"	2,50
Sandy Christian,	"	2.50
O. T. Davis,	"	2.50
J. W. Jeffries,	"	2.50
Cyrus Brown,	"	2.50
H. G. Thomas,	"	2.50
L. A. Lowry, Titusville,	"	2.50
Amanda Jones, S. S., Pittsburgh,	"	2.50
Mrs. E. Motly, Uniontown,	"	2.50
Ida M. Douglass, Uniontown,	"	2.50
A. M. Manawa, Uniontown,	"	2.50
Mary Leland, New Brighton,	"	2.50
Elizabeth Dawson, Brighton,	"	2.50
Lottie Crinen, Brighton,	"	2.50
John Yates, Brownsville,	"	2.50

May Curry, Uniontown,..... " 2.50
Isabella Blue, Uniontown,..... " 2.50
Mrs. F. Jackson, Uniontown,..... " 2.50

Ladies from Uniontown, subscription sent on in the Endowment collection.

Miss Martha A. Sampson, Cannonsburg,..... " 2.50
Nancy Tanner,..... " 2.50
Martha Black, Pittburgh,..... " 2.50
Hattie Warfiield, Cannonsburgh,..... " 2.50
Jane Lovet, Pittsburgh,..... " 2.50
Gracie P. Offer, Pittsburgh,..... " 2.50
Mrs. C. H. Brown, West Newton,..... " 2.50
Sarah A. Brown, Bellefonte,..... " 2.50
Rachel J. Smothers, Braddock,..... " 2.50
Lizzie Deamns, E. E., Pittsburgh,..... " 2.50
Margaret Henderson, Meadville,..... " 2.50
M. J. Webster, Independence,..... " 2.50
Mrs. E. J. Pride, Bradford,..... " 2.50

S. T. Jones,.....Not Paid.
I. B. Till,..... "
J. W. Williams,..... "
B. Morgan,..... "
J. W. Levat,..... "

R. C. Rantom moved that the subscription collection be sent on to Bishop Payne. Carried.

Bishop H. M. Turner, of the First Episcopal District, was by Bishop Arnett, introduced to the Conference; Bishop Turner, spoke of the very great pleasure it gave him to greet the Brethren of the Pittsburgh Conference, and bid them God's speed. He said that the chief leaders of the Colored Race, were ministers. Hence: they should be strictious, intelligent and fearless. He expressed his approval of the Conference, in adopting the regular P. E. system He further said that our church had been retarded by having men out; who knew but little of law, and no one to come around and set them right. He said the Conference carried too much worthless baggage; men who could not hold a charge should be located.

Amount collected was $117.00, for education.

Dr. Asbury offered a resolution of thanks to Bishop Turner, for his remarks. See resolution.

Benediction by Dr. L. J. Coppin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional exercises.

Minutes of the morning session read, corrected and adopted.

Report on second year's study was read and adopted. See report.

Rev. W. H. Brown moved that Sister Cyrons receive $30.00 from

the conference funds. Carried.

The report on Sunday Schools was read, an amendment was offered by R. C. Ransom, that we pledge ourselves to organize in each of our Sunday Schools, a Wilberforce Scholarship Society, to assist needy and worthy students studying in that Institution.

The amendment was lost, and the report was adopted.

Quite a spirited discussion was indulged in by Drs. Coppin, Embry and Bishop Turner.

The statement of the Educational Department was read, and ordered spread upon the face of the minutes, also the annual statement of the Secretary of the Sunday School Union was read, and ordered to be spread upon the face of the minutes. See statement.

Rev. S. C. Goosely, of Wilksbarre, read his report, and his character passed.

Rev. I. B. Till read the report on admissions; report was adopted. See report.

Committee on Bible Cause report read and adopted. See report.

Dr. J. A. Handy, Financial Secretary of the Church, read his annual report. See report.

He also made made some interesting remarks on the financial condition of the Church.

The Secretary presented to each minister a picture of the Bishops and their wives, and said that each member, or person, paying $1.00 of dollar money was entitled to one of them.

Committee on third and fourth year's study reported. The report was adopted. See reports.

Rev. Dr. Asbury moved that Rev. Sandy Christian be ordained an Elder, in view of his great, and indefatigable labors as a missionary and church builder, though not up in literary qualifications.

Bishop Arnett said he recognized three qualifications—Gifts, Graces and Usefulness, if he excelled in a majority of these, he should be recommended.

Rev. Asbury withdrew his motion, and Rev. Christian was referred back to the committee. After a few moments deliberation the committee returned, and recommended that Rev. Sandy Christian be ordained Elder. Carried.

Adjournment.

Benediction by Dr. Coppin, of Philadelphia.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercises by A. E. Waldon, the Bishop introduced Dr. Coppin, editor of the *A. M. E. Church Review*, who addressed

the Conference in the interest of the *Review*. He said that the Review had come to stay, for this is an age of activity and life.

There are about three hundred Newspapers printed by our people-but there is but one *Review* printed by our people, and we have it here, and it is for you to send your thoughts to us; that they may come out in print.

We can not afford to not take it, for the age demands it. He closed by saying he hoped that all would take it; after which Bishop Arnett called the second year's class forward, to be taken into the Conference, in full membership.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries and O. T. Davis were read in by Bishop H. M. Turner, in a serious and solemn manner; after whsch the Brethren of the Conference shook hands with them, to welcome them into the Conference.

Bishop Turner said he recommended the preachers to send on to Dr. Embry, and get the blanks for Church Officers, and use them in their Churches.

These remarks were endorsed by Bishop Arnett.

Conference closed by singing.

Benediction by Dr. J. A. Handy.

FIFTH DAY.—SUNDAY SERVICES.

By appointment of Committee on Public Worship, the following by appointment of Bishop Payne. He said extension and education in Africa are the two great subjects before the Church. He exhibited a map of Africa and the work being done by the missionaries, which gave a statement of the condition of our people, and what we should do for them, and the condition they are in. The cause was ably treated.

After the lecture the choir sang, "Over the Ocean Wave," which was very effective.

The bishop gave his timely advice.

A collection was taken up for Africa. Fifty dollars were raised.

Prof. S. T. Mitchell, of Willberforce, O., was introduced for the cause of the race. He spoke of the promise and progress of our people. When fifty or one hundred years shall have rolled by we shall have greater works than these. We have at our university 130 students; we should have 200 enrolled; 13 of a faculty, and 9 departments. To the members of the Pittsburg Conference, we have had your cooperation and sympathy, your means and your prayers.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Afternoon session opened at 3 p. m. Bishop Arnett in the chair. Hymn, "O For a Heart to Praise my God.".

The minutes of the morning session read and approved.

On motion by Rev. D. S. Bently that the conference pay back to Rev. J. M. Morris the sum of $12.00 which he paid out by order of Bishop Payne. Carried.

The candidates for admission were called before the altar to be taken in on probation, were: Revs. J. J. Jones, M. S. Jones and T. J. West. Fatherly and Godly Admonition were given them by Bishop Arnett.

Rev. Peter Bowman was called before the altar and was received into full membership.

The annual report of the business manager was received and adopted.

Rev. W. H. Brown, chairman of financial committee made a partial report, and was received.

The report of Rev. G. C. Sampson, Auditing Committe on account of Rev. J. M. Morris was adopted.

The following committees were elected by the conference:

Educational Board

D. S. Bently, W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson.

Laymen.

George W. Webster, W. H. Mills.

Missionary Committeeman.

R. H. Morris.

Sunday Board.

G. G. Skinner, J. J. Norris.

Laymen.

Wagner, Logan.

On motion by Rev. C. Asbury in view of the fact we have more than enough of money to pay our conference expenses, that we pay fifty dollars to Wilberforce Professorship. Carried.

The Bishop called for the Committee on Memoirs.

Rev. R. C. Ransom read the report.

Rev. Dr. C. Asbury gave out the hymn: "How Blessed the Righteous When He Die."

Rev. W. H. Brown led in a feeling prayer in behalf of the living to meet those who are gone to the world beyond.

The speakers for the occasion: Rev. R. C. Ransom read a poem, written by J. B. Jackson, before his death, which made quite an impression upon the congregation.

Revs. Carter, Wright, W. H. Brown, and J. W. Riley were the

Bishop Arnett spoke, that as the days go by, we are caused to reflect on time, on eternity, on heaven, and rest. The person spoken of, my dear brethern; I am well acquainted with them you have today no marks against any of you, God bless you, my brethern and be faithful.

The Book Steward was given an opportunity to collect money for the minutes of last year from the pastors.

On motion that we, the members of Pittsburg Conference, endorse the work of Dr. Embry on Theology. Carried.

On motion that the Bible cause money be appropriated to our own cause within our own Conference. Carried.

Also, that Dr. Embry furnished the bibles at cost.

Adjourned, with benediction by Bishop Arnett.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with singing by the choir. After which Rev. S. H. Lacey led in prayer.

The Bishop then introduced Prof. Prolean, of Wilberforce, who gave the Conference his fine lecture on Africa.

The following appointments for Sunday service were filled:

Bethel A. M. E. Church, preaching by Bishop H. M. Turner, at 10:30 a. m.

At 3 p. m. Women's Mite Missionary, by Dr. L. J. Coppin.

At 7:30 p. m. Gospel Temperance, by Dr. J. A. Handy.

Evangelical Church, Bennett Street, at 10:30 a. m. preaching by Rev. I. N. Ross.

At 7:30 p. m. W. S. Lowry.

Pine Street M. E. Church, preaching at 10:30 a. m. Rev. R. C. Ransom.

At 7 p. m. Rev. C. Asbury.

Mulberry Street M. E. Church, preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Rev. D. S. Bently.

At 7 p. m. Rev. J. C. Embry, D. D.

St. John's Reformed Church, preaching at 7:30 p. m. by I. B. Till.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. C. H. Brown.

At 7:30 Rev. W. H. Palmer.

Erie Avenue Baptist Church, preaching by Rev. R. H. Morris, at 7:30 p. m.

A. M. E. Zion Church, preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. A. E. Walden.

At 7:30 by Rev. J. J. Norris

Shiloh Baptist Church, preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. G. C. Sampson.

South Side M. E. Church, preaching by Rev. C. A. McGee, at 10. 30.

At 7:30 Rev. J. W. Riley.

Fourth Street M. E. Church, preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. G. G. Skinner.

Grace M. E. Church, preaching at 7 p. m. by Rev. L. J. Coppin.

South Side Lutheran Church, preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. M. Morris.

At Bethel A. M. E. Church, Bishop Turner, preached at 10:30 a. m. text, Rev. XIII:10.

Rev. Sandy Christian, David Johnson and W. H. Pride, were ordained elders, and O. T. Davis, J. W. Jeffries and Peter Bowman, ordained deacons by Bishop Arnett.

At 3 p. m. Rev. Dr. J. L. Coppin, Editor of the *Review*, preached a very interesting discourse; text: John 14:8.

At the evening service at 7:30 p. m., Dr. Handy preached a powerful sermon from Luke 24:26. After which, Bishop Turner gave a warm and interesting discourse, and two persons came forward and joined the church.

Benediction by Dr. Handy.

SIXTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with singing Hymn "Try Us O God."

Rev. H. G. Thomas led in prayer.

Bishop Arnett presiding.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

A number of the copies of the *Southern Christian Recorder* were distributed.

Rev. A. Smothers was appointed as agent for it by Bishop Arnett.

The representatives of the *Recorder* and *Review* were given a chance to collect subscriptions.

The Conferegce roll was called, and the brethren responded.

Rev. B. Wheeler made his report, there being against him, his character passed.

Conference adjourned by singing, "Together Let Us Sweetly Live."

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Afternoon session opened at 3 P. M.

Bishop Arnett in the chair.

Hymn: "O For a Heart to Praise My God."

The minutes of the morning session read and approved.

A motion by Rev. D. S. Bently, that the Conference pay back to Rev. J. M. Morris, the sum of $12.00, which he paid out, by order of Bishop Payne. Carried.

Prof. Mitchell presented Bishop Arnett with a gold medal.

The bishop in response said :

"I was a wanderer in the field of education, Wilberforce took me and gave me her honors."

After some appropriate words, he closed with his benediction upon the members of the Conference, the Church and the school.

Benediction, by Dr. J. A. Hadny.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION:

Conference opened with divine service. Prayer by Bishop Arnett.

The report of the committee on Education was adopted. Chairman, Rev. R. H. Morris.

The report on Missions was adopted. Chairman, R. C. Ransom.

The Executive committee were given time to make their report of appropriation on the basis of two hundred and fifty dollars.

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. J. W. Riley.

On motion the report was adopted.

Dr. Asbury spoke at some length upon it, and said that many things were left out that ought to have been in it.

Rev. G. C. Sampson said that the report did not contain the true spirit of temperance.

On motion the report was amended.

A motion was offered that we buy all the rituals from Dr. Embry, covering one hundred. Carried.

The committee on Disbursement presented their report, and on motion it was adopted. [See Reports.]

The amendment to the Temperance report was made by Revs. Sampson and Asbury. [See amendment.]

Adjourned.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with divine service. Prayer by Bishop Arnett.

Dr. Asbury offered a resolution of thanks to the congregation, pastor and friends, for the pleasant manner in which they entertained the Conference. [See resolutions.]

The Rev. W. H. Brown moved that the Address of Bishop D. A.

Payne, requesting the Conference to endeavor to raise $200.00 for the maintainance of the Assistant Professorship in Wilberforce University. Carried.

The report on the State of the Church and Country was read by Dr. Asbury, which was adopted. [See report.]

On motion of Rev. D. S. Bentley, Pittsburg was chosen as the place for holding the Electoral College, which will be on the first Wednesday in July, 1891.

A letter from Bishop Payne, calling the attention of the Conference to an explanation of certaiu statements in the Minutes of last year, which misrepresentd him. Ordered to be spread on the minutes.

Another communication from Bishop Payne, directing how money should be conveyed to the widows and orphans.

W. H. Brown moved that Bishop Payne's recommendation be laid on the table, as he considered it a reflection on the Pittsburg Conference.

Rev. J. M. Morris said that no mistakes had ever been made in conveying money to widows.

The motion of Rev. W. H. Brown was so amended as to read: "Inasmuch as nothing of the kind had ever occurred in this Conference, that it be not inserted in the minutes.

The Finance committee offered a recommendation thatR. C. Ransome be paid $2.40 for stationary; Bishop Arnett, $55.00 traveling expenses; and $10.00 to janitor. Adopted.

Preaehers' Aid Saciety.

Was called to order by Rev. B. Wheeler. [See minutes of society.]

At the close of the Preachers' Aid Society the business of the Conference resumed.

The committee on Presiding Elders' assessment presented their reported- which was adopted.

A commendation of Dr. Embry's book was offered by Rev. W. S. Lowry.

Bishop Arnett said, prior to reading of appointments, that he believed a speech was not in order, but our work was the best speech he could make. He said: "You are starting out under a new order of things with Presiding Elders. To make it a success requires patience, forbearance and common sense. Remember that the Presiding Elders have prerogatives, and the pastors have the same."

The following appointments were announeed by the Bishop:

APPOINTMENTS.

First District, called the Pittsburg District.

1st Pittsburg District.—D. S. Bently, Presiding Elder.

Wylie Avenue Church, Pittsburg, Cornelius Asbury ; East End, G. C. Sampson ; Braddock Circuit, H. Smothers ; New Haven, J. J. Norris ; Altoona, R. M. Henderson ; Bedford, H. Johnson ; Phillipsburg, and Williamsport, B. Wheeler; Lewistown, O. T. Davis ; Huntingtdon, J. Williams; Wilkesbarre, I. B. Till; Scranton, Richard Tanner; Waverly, C. W. Woodson ; Bloomsburg, T. A. J. West ; Milton, H. G. Thomas ; Bellefonte. L. C. Honesty ; McDonald, Sandy Christian.

2d Allegheny District—W. H. Brown, Presiding Elder.

Brown's Chapel, Allegheny City, I. N. Ross ; Chartiers street, or Manchester, J. W. Levatt ; South Side, Pittsburg, R. H. Morris; Elizabeth Circuit, S. C. Goosly ; West Newton, J. W. Riley ; Monongahela City, W. H. Palmer; Bridgewater Circuit, J. W. Jeffries ; New Brighton, A. E. Waldon ; California Mission, D. Lewis ; Meadville, C. H. Brown ; Erie, R. Brown ; Oil City, W. S. Lowry ; Bradford, W. H. Pride ; Franklin, S. H. Lacy ; Brownsville, to be supplied ; Uniontown, Carter Wright.

3d Wheeling District—C. A. Magee, Presiding Elder.

Wheeling, J. J. Jones; Washington, J. M. Morris; Cannonsburg, G. G. Skinner ; Parkersburg, T. D. Scott ; Clarsburg, J. W. Amiss; Waynesburg, D. Johnson ; West Middletown, W. N. Young.

R. C. Ransom transferred to North Ohio Conference, stationed at North Street A. M. E. Church.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

MINUTES OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WILLIAMSPORT, October 9th, 1890.

Bishop Arnett called the Missionary Society to order.

Rev. G. G. Skinner Vice President.

The roll was called, and the ministers responded to their names.

The sum of $38.00 was received.

On motion, the officers of last year were re-elected.

The Society then adjourned until the evening session.

REV. G. G. SKINNER, Pres't,
REV. C. H. BROWN, See'y.

President—Bishop D. A. Payne.
Vice President—Rev. G. G. Skinner.
Secretary—Rev. C. H. Brown.
Treasurer—Rev. J. M. Morris.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., October 10th, 1890.

The Historical Literary Society was called to order by Bishop Arnett.

On the call of the Secretary's name, Rev. Joseph B. Jackson, the melancholly information of his death was announced.

On motion, Bishop B. W. Arnett was elected President, and Rev. C. H. Brown, Secretary.

The Bishop called for the roll, which was responded to by the Secretary, and the following brethren came forward and paid Fifty Cents each, after a motion had been offered and adopted, that the dues be fixed at that sum.

Rev. J. M. Morris,.....50c	Rev. G. C. Sampson,.....50c
" Richard Tanner,.....50c	" Richard Brown,.....50c
" R. H. Morris,.....50c	" David Lewis,.....50c
" R. M. Henderson,.....50c	" S. H. Lacy,.....50c
" G. G. Skinner,.....50c	" C. H. Brown,.....50c
" Carter Wright,.....50c	" C. A. McGee,.....50c
" Alex Smothers,.....50c	" Hutchinson Johnson,..50c
" H. G. Thomas,.....50c	" O. T. Davis,.....50c
" Cyrus Woodson,.....50c	" W. N. Young,.....50c
" W. H. Pride,.....50c	" Sandy Christian,.....50c
" D. J. Johnson,.....50c	" J. W. Riley.....50c
" B. Wheeler,.....50c	

On motion of Rev. G. G. Skinner, Rev. J. M. Morris was elected President of the Society for the ensuing year.

Rev. G. C. Sampson moved that Rev. J. W. Riley be elected Vice President, which was carried.

On motion, Rev. C. H. Brown was elected Secretary.

Rev. J. W. Riley moved that Rev. G. C. Sampson be elected for Treasurer, which was carried.

On motion, Revs. G. G. Skinner, S. C. Honesty and R. M. Henderson were elected an Executive Committee.

There being no essays to read, on motion the Society adjourned.

Rev. J. M. MORRIS,
President.
Rev. C. H. BROWN,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The Society was called to order by the President, the Rev. B. F. Wheeler.

Roll was called, and the following brethren answered to their names:

S. T. Jones,.....50c	W. H. Brown,...— —	W. S. Lowry,.....$1 00
G. C. Sampson,....$1 00	B. Wheeler,.....$1 00	C. Asbury,.....$1 00
J. M. Morris.....— —	G. G. Skinner,...— —	Richard Tanner,....— —
J. W. Riley, ...$1 00	Rich'd Brown,..$1 00	R. H. Morris,....$1 00
D. Lewis,.....$1 00	W. H. Pride,....$1 00	R.M. Henderson.$1 00
S. N. Ross;.....$1 00	I. B. Till,.....— —	S. C. Honesty,...$1 00
S. H. Lacey,.....$1 00	A. E. Walden,..— —	J. W. Williams,...— —
D. S. Bentley,...$1 00	R. C, Ransom,..$1 00	C. H. Brown,.....$1 00
Carter Wright....$1 00	C. A. McGee,..$1 00	Alex. Smothers,..$1 00
J. W. Leavat,..... 50	H. Johnson,.....$1 00	H. G. Thomas,...$1 00
Sandy Christian,..$1 00	O. T. Davis,.....$1 00	Cyrus Woodson,..$1 00
J. W. Jeffries,....$1 00	G. M. Webster, — —	Enoch Gilchrist,...— —
Cyrus Brown,.....$1 00	G. B. Knox,.....— —	D. J. Johnson,...$1 00
W. N. Young,.....$1 00	J. J. Jones,.....— —	T. A. J. West,...$1 00
Peter Bowman,.....— —	J. W. Amiss,....$1 00	M. S. Jones,.....$1 00
W. H. Palmer,.....— —		

On motion, it was ordered that Seventy-five Cents be paid to Rev. R. C. Ransom as money spent for postage.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary write to Brother A. R. Palmer, stating that if he desired to retain his membership in the Pittsburg Conference, to forward his annual dues.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, Treasurer of the Society, read his annual report, and on motion it was received and adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the present officers be continued.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary be empowered to procure a minute book.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Jeffries was elected assistant Secretary.

A motion prevailed that no one be elected an officer until his annual dues are paid.

On motion, it was ordered that the doctor's bill of Bro. Cyrus, amounting to $12.00, be paid.

Rev. Richard Brown asked for a loan of $10.00 for six months. The loan was refused.

On motion of Rev. Geo. C. Sampson the Society adjourned,

Amount collected, $33.25.

STATEMENT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

ATHPNS, GA., September 30th, 1890.

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, of the African M. E. Church, to be convened at Williamsport, Pa.

Dear Boethren—We take pleasure in placing before you the Fifth Annual statement of the Educational Department, for the year ending June 21st, 1889.

Every year has added strength and better shape to our Educational Work. Our Bishops, Presiding Elders, Pastors and Editors, with the Churches and Sabbath Schools, are becoming fully aroused to the necessity of educating our people. Printed copies of our Fifth Annual Report are sent to this Conference, and may also be had by application to this office. It will show:

Number of Schools,.....	41
Number of Professors,.....	73
Number of Students,.....	2,172
Whole number of Graduates,.....	179
Collections for the Year,.....	$ 33,633 22
Value of School Property,.....	$341,425 00
Amount of Debts,.....	$ 24,341 93

Now, dear Brethren, in order that greater success may attend our work in the future, we earnestly ask you:

1. Please devote the whole of Endowment Day, in churches and Sabbath schools, to Education, and raise the largest possible collections for the same.

2. We request our Bishops and Ministers, as occasion may offer, to lay before our well-to-do members and friends the claims of our needy schools, and to secure students for the same.

3. Please send all the cash collected for Education to Rev. S. T. Mitchell, L. L. D., District Secretary, Wilberforce, Ohio.

4. Please elect a local Board of Education, to consist of three ministers and two laymen, and have them select one of their number as the member of the District Board, whose name should be sent to our office at once.

5. Please have this communication spread upon your minutes as information.

Asking the blessings of God upon all your deliberations, we are
Yours in Christ,

B. W. ARNETT, President.
WM. D. JOHNSON, Secretary of Education.
P. O. Box 263, Athens, Ga.

EIGHTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NASHVILLE, TENN., October 6th, 1890.

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the

African Methodist Episcopal Church: Greeting:

Dear Father and Brethren:—It is my pleasure to inform you that the interests of the Department over which I have charge are now in a most prosperous and satisfactory condition. The fiscal year ending April 30th, 1890, closed with gratifying results. The total receipts to the business and from the children's day contributions of 1889, were Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fourteen Dollars and Seventeen Cents, an increase of two thousand nine hundred and three dollars and eighty-one cents over the previous fiscal year. The Children's Day contributions for 1889 were Six Thousand and Ninety-four Dollars and Sixty Cents, an increase of two thousand and fifty-four dollars and thirty-two cents over the year 1888.

The entire receipts for the past fiscal year, including the cash balance May 1st, 1889, and loans, were Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred and Two Dollars and Sixteen Cents. The expenses were Twenty-one Thousand and Seventy-one Dollars and Thirty-eight cents, leaving a cash balance of six hundred and thirty dollars and seventy-eight cents.

April 20th, 1890, the indebtedness of the Department was Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Seven Dollars and Sixty-four Cents. Since then the indebtedness has been reduced to two thousand dollars, which is the last note due on the building, and which will not mature until July 1st, 1892.

July 1st, 1890, we purchased all the printing material owned by Rev. M. E. Bryant, D. D. Of the amount of the purchase price, one thousand dollars has been paid; the balance, five hundred dollars, is to go to our credit for publishing the SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN RECORDER. A part of the printing material purchased from Dr. Bryant was a cylinder press, which is of great service to us, and which will enable us to do all of our own press work. Our printing department is now in good condition, and we are prepared to turn out all kinds of work in a first class manner.

The circulation of our Literature is steadily increasing. For the third quarter of 1890, July, August and September, we issued Seventy-five Thousand Scholars' Quarterlies. We hope within a year to increase this to One Hundred Thousand copies. We are sending our literature to one school in Africa. It is a wonderful Providence that is enabling us to send African Methodist literato to Africa. Verily, "Ethiopia shall yet stretch forth her hands unto God!"

Children's Day of this year was the grandest and most successful in the history of the Union. To August 26th, we had received Seven Thousand One Hundred and Three Dollars and Fifty-one Cents, an increase of more than one thonsand dollars over the previous year. Of this amount our Sunday Schools in the State of Pennsylvania contributed Five Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and Twenty-four Cents, an increase of one hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty-seven cents, in comparison with the amount contributed last year.

Our entire property is worth Twenty Thousand Dollars.

Sincerely thanking you for the liberal support you have given us,

and trusting that you may continue the same, and praying God's blessings upon your deliberations.

Fraternally,

C. S. Smith.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF FINANCE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mr. President:—With profound reverence and gratitude to Almighty God for life, health and success, and with high esteem for the Curch which has conferred upon me the honor of representing this Department, I therefor most respectfully submit to your consideration, my seccondAnnual report.

We have published and distributed a Galaxy of the Bishops and their wives, (a copy of which is here presented). Forty thousand copies have been given as an incentive to duty in the reception of Dollar Money. We think it is impossible for us to estimate the amount of good accomplished by the distribution of this picture. No other church has ever published their noble matrons in this form. It has not only increased the collection, but it hands down to the church the forms and faces of our heroic woman.

We are also rapidly paying off our indebtedness, and soon it will be a thing of the past.

The Financial Budget, ordered by the last Board of Finance, has been paid for, and is now upon our shelves. We would recommend its distribution to members paying their Dollar Money.

We are glad to mention the fact that the adaptability and utility, as well as the influence of this Department of our church, is increasiog among the ministers and laity, and, sirs, by a united, continued, faithful effort and work, we shall in the near future, be able to meet all the expenses of our connectional interests, disenting with all other collections. For whenever we shall collect one dollar for every able-bodied member, then, and then alone, will this Department be able to furnish the financial means to carry on the great and good work of the A. M. E. Church . It will be readily seen by our financial statement. that our collections have been greater than any previous year and that our Department is in a most healthy condition.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1890.

1	District	$	6 833 17
2	"		5 328 43
3	"		3 022 87
4	"		3 251 55
5	"		5 449 76
6	"		17 535 40
7	"		14 774 86
8	"		7 550 54
9	"		7 879 04
10	"		3 795 54
11	"		252 33
	Total	$	75 675 49

Paid over to the Annual Conferences	$30 270 20
Covered into the Treasury	45 405 29
Total	$75 675 49
In the Treasury last report	$ 217 20
Covered into the Treasury	45 405 29
From Bishop Disney	227 00
Grand total received in the Treasury	$45 849 49

DISBURSEMEETS.

Bishop's Allowance	$ 22 000 00
" " 1888	1 551 73
Gen'l Officers' allowance	9 250 00
" " "	2 443 50
Widows allowance	600 00
" " 1888	194 00
Estate Jas. A. Shorter	1 983 75
Budgets	1 990 83
Metropolitan Church	1 050 00
Students Wilberforce (note)	364 75
Bishops' transportation	993 00
Transportation of Financial Board	218 50
Publishing Department	100 00
Paul Quinn College	250 00
J. P. Campbell, note interest	120 00
S. of F. transportation	559 00
Office rent	120 00
Photo of Bishops and wives	275 00
Hauling, Freight on Budget, Wrapping Paper, Twine, Tags, Stamps, Stationery, Registration, Brokerage, Interest.	269 50
Note of Gen'l Conference, J. W. Z.	68 00
Total	$44 406 26
In the Treasury	1 443 23
Grand Total	45 849 49

And now, my dear brethren and sisters of the whole Church, you have done grandly, yes, nobly, the year just ended. You have raised over 75 thousand Dollars! A good year's work. We have handed back to you for education, widows, superannuated preachers and for general work in your several annual conferences, over 30 thousand dollars, which has gladdened the hearts of the student, the lonely widow, the fatherless child and the poor itinerant preacher. Hence, we say to one and all who have helped in this work, *well done,* and beseech you all to do more this conference year. We need, this year, to double the amount raised last. We need fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) for educational institutions. Increase the DOLLAR MONEY; i. e., collect and bring in more. See that every member in your church, your station, your circuit, and mission raise and pay over the Dollar Money. Raise it at once. Raise early in the year. Raise it quarterly, and send it to the Financial Secretary, or bring it to Conference.

Let us have a grand raising of the Dollar this Quadrennium so as to place this Department (thus placing our entire work) once for all time upon a permrnent, firm, strong financial rock.

Come brethrsn, members, friends, all along the line up and at it. Shall we have this year One Hundred Thousand Dollars? Yes, $100,000! Yes, $100.000!

JAMES A. HANDY,
Financial Secretary.

ASSESSMENTS FOR P. E. SUPPORT.

Pittsburgh District,	Quarter.	Year.
Wylie Avenue Church,	$40.00	$160.00
East End,	20.00	80.00
Braddock,	10.00	40.00
New Haven,	10.00	40.00
Altoona,	8.00	32.00
Bedford,	6.00	24.00
Phillipsburg,	6.00	24.00
Williamsport,	22.00	88.00
Lewistown,	8.00	32.00
Wilkesbarre,	20.00	80.00
Scranton,	12.00	48.00
Waverly,	8.00	32.00
Bloomsburg,	5.00	20.00
Milton,	5.00	20.00
Bellefonte,	12.00	48.00
McDonald,	5.00	20.00
Greensburg,	8.00	32.00

Allegheny District,	Quarter.	Year.
Browns Chapel,	$30.00	$120.00
Chartiers Street,	12.00	48.00
South Side,	12.00	48.00
Elizabeth,	15.00	60.00
West Newton,	15.00	60.00
Monongahela City,	10.00	40.00
New Brighton,	12.00	48.00
Bridgewater,	14.00	56.05
California,	10.00	40.00
Meadville,	10.00	40.00
Erie,	10.00	40.00
Oil City	15.00	60.00
Bradford,	8.00	32.00
Franklin,	8.00	32.00
Brownsville,	10.00	40.00
Uniontown,	12.00	48.00

West Virginia District,	Quarter.	Year.
Wheeling,	$— —	$— —
Washington,	12.00	48.00
Cannonsburg,	15.00	60.00
Waynesburg,	8.00	32.00
West Middletown,	6.00	24.00
Clarksburg,	10.00	40.00
Parkersburg,	10.00	40.00

CARTER WRIGHT,
C. ASBURY,
W. S. LOWRY,
I. N. ROSS,
G. C. SAMPSON,
Committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following recommendations.

We recommend that the Widows of the Conference, be paid the sum of $30.00, and each Orphan under 14 years age, the sum of $5.00. And we further recommend, that Rev. W. G. Ralph, our Superannuated Preacher, receive the sum of $50.00; And Rev. S. T. Jones, who has just been placed on the Superannuated List, the sum of $100.00. All of which we respectfully submit.

W. H. BROWN, Chairman,
W. S. LOWRY,
J. M. MORRIS.
RICHARD TANNER,
C. H. BROWN, Secretary,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Amount of money received and disbursed according to the command of Bishop Arnett and Conference, on the following dates, to wit.

MONEY RECEIVED.

October 9th	Received from Secretary of Missionary Society,	$38.00
" "	Public Collection, at 8 p. m.,	25.43
" 14th	Received of W. H. Brown and C. Brown,	371.58
" " "	from W. H. Brown,	50.50
	Total,	$485.51

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. J. W. Riley,	$10.00

" C. A. McGee,	5.00
" F. D. Denney,	15.00
" Sandy Christion,	15.00
" W. H. Walker, per McGee,	5.00
" J. W. Amis,	7.00
" R. M. Henderson,	10.00
" I. N. Woodson,	15.00
" W. M. Young,	5.00
" M. S. Jones,	15.00
" D. J. Brown,	7.00
" D. J. Johnson,	15.00
" J. W. Lavatt,	7.00
" David Lewis,	15.00
" H. G. Thomas,	15.00
" I. B. Till,	5.00
" Jenkens Williams,	15.00
" O. T. Davis,	18.00
" H. Johnson,	13.00
" R. C. Ransom, Correspondence and Cards,	5.60
Money refunded to the Treasurer, (overdrawn)	12.00
Paid to Professor Proleau,	8.00
" to " G. W. Prieleau, for Wilberforce,	50.00
" to Rev. C. A. McGee,	50.00
" to Presiding Elders, { Rev. W. H. Brown,	50.00
" " D. S. Bentley,	50.00
Gave to Bishop to pay for Dispatch and Sundries,	1.00
Total,	$438.00

J. M. MORRIS,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FIRST AND SECOND YEARS STUDIES.

Williamsport, Pa., October 10. 1890.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit our report in the First and Second Years Studies.

We have examined the following candidates: Brothers Peter Bowman, J. W. Jeffries, O. T. Davis, in the First and Second Years Studies, and they having made the proper percentage required of them—75— and we recommend that they be received into full membership, and be ordained deacons, as worthy and able young men, endowed with the spirit of Christ.

And further, we recommend that they be passed to the Third Years Studies.

All of which we humbly and prayerfully submit to your careful judgement.

W. H. PALMER,
BENJAMIN WHEELER, Pres.
W. H. BROWN,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS STUDIER.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your committee on Third and Fourth Years Studies, have examined Brothers Sandy Christian and David J. Johnson in Third Years Studies, and recommend that Brother David J. Johnson be passed to the Fourth Years Studies, and that Brother Christian remain in the Third Years Studies.

We have also examined the following brethren in Fourth Years Studies: Brothers David J. Johnson, Hutchinson Johnson, Cyrus Woodson, H. G. Thomas, W. H. Pride and W. N. Young, and recommend that Brothers D. J. Johnson and W. H. Pride be ordained elders. The percentage of the brethren examined is as follows, 75 being the standard:

THIRD YEAR:

David J. Johnson, percentage,.....81⅔
Sandy Christian, " 25

FOURTH YEAR.

David J. Johnson, percentage,.....75
W. H. Pride, " 75
W. N. Young, " 67⅔
Cyrus N. Woodson, " 59
Hutchinson Johnson, " 58⅔

CORNELIUS ASBURY, D. D.,
W. S. LOWRY.
W. H. PALMER,
D. S. BENTLY,
J. W. RILEY,
R. H. MORRIS,
RICHARD TANNER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMISSION.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your committee on admission, beg leave to submit the following:

Having examined Brothers Scott Jones, John Amiss, T. J. West, Israel Holmes and J. S. Jones, as per Discipline.

Brothers Scott Jones, T. J. West and J. J. Jones having rendered satisfaction, we recommend their admission.

Brothers Israel Holmes and John Amiss, we recommend that they be left in the hands of their Presiding Elders.

G. C. SAMPSON,
I. B. TILL,
I. N. ROSS,
G. G. SKINNER,
R. C. RANSOM,
Committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

We recommend that the widows of the conference be paid the sum of $30.00, and each orphan under 14 years of age the sum of $5.00.

And we further recommend that Rev. W. G. Ralph, our superannuated preacher, receive the sum of $50.00.

And Rev. S. T. Jones, who has just been placed on the superannuated list, the sum of $100.00.

Also, that we give to Wilberforce University, for to help pay the ecclesiastic professorship the sum of $50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Brown, Chairman,
J. M. Morris,
W. S. Lowry,
Richard Tanner,
C. H. Brown,
Committee.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, the Committee on Memoirs, submit the following:

Dear Brethern, while we come up to this conference rejoicing that the Lord hath crowned the year with his gladness, it has also been one of peculiar sadness, for the death angel has visited the homes of four of our brethern; but while the visitations have made us sadder, Heaven has become dearer; because these co-laborers of ours have gone to be present with the Lord. God, in His providence has removed from our midst, Rev. Joseph B. Jackson; Bro. Jackson, was born at Uniontown, August 2, 1858; He was licenced to preach at Uniontown 1884, by Rev. W. S. Lowry. Admitted into traveling connection in 1885. Ordained deacon in 1887. He died at his post in Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 18th of March, 1890, while faithfully performing the Master's work. We recognized in him, a young man of rare promise, and, as a worker in the cause of our blessed Lord, He was ever active and vigilant.

Resolved, that we deeply mourn the loss of Brother Jackson to our conference and connection, and that we shall ever cherish his memory.

Resolved, further, that his widow and children, have our profound sympathy, and that we commend them to Him, who is a Father to the Fatherless, and a Husband to the Widow.

Sister Letitia Wheeler Palmer, wife of Rev. A. R. Palmer, who was in our midst one year ago, has been summoned hence. Sister Palmer was born in Brownsville, Pa., 1856; was reared under the training of a devout christian mother, and was for many years before her death, a faithful member of the A. M. E. Church. She continued faithful to her God, and the interest of His church, until called away.

Resolved, that in this bereavment, Bro. A. R. Palmer, and the many relatives have our tender sympathy, and our prayers.

On the 12th of July, 1890, Sister Fanny Claude Louise Bently, (nee Miss Bates), wife of Rev. D. S. Bently, fell asleep. Sister Bently was born in Covington, Georgia, 1859, was for years a member of the A. M. E. Church, as a faithful Christion. Into her brief years, through her tireless energy, she crowded much labor; which is a blessing unto many, and to her a worthy monument. She labored as a school teacher, lecturer, and correspondent to the press; but most of all, she labored to advance the Master's Cause.

Resolved, that we have lost one of our most bright, and cultured minds.

Resolved, that our bereaved Brother, and the Family, have in this affliction our tenderest sympathy, and that we pray that, He who healeth every sorrow, may comfort them.

Sister Rachel Smothers, (nee Simpson), wife of Rev. A. Smothers, who was born in Fayette County, Pa.. departed this life on the 6th of May, 1890. Sister Smothers had been a member of the A. M. E. Church since 1867. Year after year, as her husband went forth to do his Master's work, she was ever faithful at his side.

Resolved, that Brothers, and the family, and friends, have our heartfelt sympathy, and we pray God to comfort their hearts.

Resolved, further, that Brother and Sister I. N. Ross, who, during the past year, lost their second son, Clarence David Ross, have our sympathy. When they shall rest, their labors o'er, may they see him again, resting safely in the presence of Him who hath said, "Suffer the Children to come unto Me."

Rev. I. N. Ross,
Rev. Carter Wright,
Rev. R. C. Ransom.
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the State of the Church and Country, offer the following for your consideration:

The Church is enlarging her borders, and strengthening her stakes. Never before has her influence been so widespread, and the effect of her work so far reaching.

Every year adds large numbers to that great body, of which Christ is the head.

The influence of the Church is greater, and more powerfully felt than ever before, in any period of the world's history.

Christianity its power, and taking hold of the nations of the earth.

The brightness of the Sun of Righteousness is shining away the darkness of sin, and the steady, and onward march of the truths of God's word indicate that the fulfilment of the promise of God, "that the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord," is a certainity.

We recognize the utility of the agencies that are being employed by the Church, for the unification of the power, and the bringing together of the forces of Christiantty; such as the Young Men's Christian Association, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the use of the International Lessons in our Sunday Schools; Bible and Tract Societies, etc.

The standard of the Ministry is being raised, and the Church is calling for men; filled with the Holy Ghost, who will study to show themselves, approved workmen, that needeth not to be ashamed; rightly dividing the word of truth.

We are proud of our Country; which for its adaptability of soil, and wisdom of organization cannot be excelled by any on the Globe.

Our form of government, for the people; by the people, and of the people, is much to be admired.

So far as both organic and statutory laws of our land are concerned, all men are recognized as being equal, and a chance in the race of life is offered unto all. But we are sorry to say that custom, and practice in many places, are not in keeping with the laws, by which we should be governed.

The politics of the Country, are largely conducted by ill-designing politicians, who are prompted by corrupt motives, seeking self aggrandizement, rather than the promotion of the interests of the nation.

The law grants to every American Citizen, the right to cast his vote for the candidate of his choice, but in certain sections of the country, the Negro is prevented from exercising this sacred right.

The attempt made by the Constitutional Convention, of the State of Mississippi, to disfranchise the Negro, meets with our earnest disapproval, and merits the contempt of all fair-minded, and right-thinking people.

That the Negro may become a more powerful faction, we urge the accumelation, especially in real estate; the becoming more and more intelligent; thus qualificing himself for any, and every station, or position, in the gift of the people, and above all we plead with him, to hold on to God, and the Bible.

Resolved, that we favor the bill, known as the "Federal Election Bill," or any other measuse that, will secure a free ballot, and a fair count to ever citizen within our borders, and that we will labor to influence our legislators, from the districts where we are loacted, to vote for its passage.

Resolved, that this Conference looks with shame, on the disregard for the marital relations, as seen in the odious system of Mormonism, which in some sections of our country prevails to an alarming extent.

Resolved, that we will, in every practicable way, labor to maintain the dignity of the government, for the purification of politics, and the establishment of the principles of righteousness.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornelius Asbury,
Charles A. McGee,
S. H. Lacy,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPARENCE.

To the Pittsburg Conference:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

That temperance represents the cause of God; intemperance the opposite of human and gospel interests, whatever position may be taken possibly observing the results culminating from the unwise use of intoxicating liquors.

The drinks of Ancient People were produced by fermentation. Wine was by this process produced from the grape, so strong drink, so often mentioned in the Old Testament, was made in this manner—from fruits, barley and other grains; when made of fruit, was much like cider; when made of barley, was about what we call ale; modern wines have increased in strength, on account of the discovery and invention of distillation, which process has enabled manufacturers of modern wines, by the mixing of distilled spirits, which gives them a great power for evil and destructiveness, before unknown to society. Its first powerful effects on the system was considered to be a wonderful medicinal agent, and proverbially called the wine of life, and was kept for medicinal purposes only. Its introduction for common use as a stimulant, sprung a new era in the process of intemperance. With such powerful agents for intoxication, or producing intoxications, as Rum, Gin and other Solutions, which have been obtained by the process of distillations. With such fiery liquors of which alcohol forms more than one half in quantity, by measure, holding the sway and dominion of drunkenness in modern times, we can see the pressing necessity which exists for the more urgent efforts in the cause of gospel temperance. As to ancient drinks, they still survive, and what is said of them in the Bible is still true in regards to them. It may be said however, that what is called wine in the Bible was not always intoxicating. Of this kind must (Firosh) were the tithes of the wines to be used at festivals: Deut. 16:24, and the first fruits of wine Deut. 18:4, to be given to the Priests; this was unfermented. There are many other places where wine is spoken of, indicating that it entered largely into common use for example: Gen. 28:27, Deut. 7:13-11:14, Prov. 3:10, Judges 9:13; Wine which cheers God and Man, in doubted passages are so numerous, as to prove unfermented wine was largely used among the Hebrews, for religious, social and common purposes.

What have we at this day to take its place, which they had not? We have Spirits, New Liquors, Rum, Gin, Brandy, Whiskey. Can any temperance man, or moderate drinker of those fiery liquors think of this state of things without a blush. The fact in regard to ancient and modern drinks, show how great a peril we are in at the present time. If we understand how comparatively harmless the intoxicating drinks spoken of in the bible; we see how little authority they give for the use of distilled spirits, for which purpose they are often quoted. The wines even in use by us, are said to be fortified by adding such spirits. We now use no unfermented juice of the grape, what a strange drink that would be. The ancients used it extensively, and preserved it for all the year, as it was thick, and rich it was mixed plentifully with water.

Greek and Roman writers mention this practice. So also the Jews at the Passover, the wine was mixed with warm water. (Smith's Dictionary.)

What was contained in the cup used by our Lord, is called the fruit of the vine, and this we may suppose was mixed with water.

The same authority says, in the early Christian Church it was used to mix the Sacramental wine with water, a custom as old, at all events as Justin Martin's time.

Wine at the institution, Deut. XII,8-20 is not mentioned as forming part of the Passover Feast. It came into use in the latter part of the Jewish Church. Was of human devising, suggested by other religious festivals. Our Lord took it as He found it, and instituted the Sacrament with it. At that time it was used as a drink, we now are to use it as a memorial.

All of which we have selected, composed and compiled, which bring us to the conclusion of the recommendation of the wine recipe as published in the minutes of last year.

I. N. Ross,
Sandy Christian,
Richard Brown,
David Lewis,
J. W. Riley,
Committee.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, that any law organized or statuary that attempts to regulate this traffic, cannot be successful so far as the prevention of manufacture and sale is concerned.

Resolved, that we are opposed to the legalization of the liquor traffic by a license system of any kind.

Resolved, that we place ourselves on record as being in favor of entire and complete prohibition.

Resolved, that we recommend the organization of temperance socities in our Churches and Sunday Schools

Also we recommend that the brethren of the Conference, who think that the Grace of God is sufficient to help desist in the use of tobrcco in all of its forms.

Geo. C. Sampson,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Williamsport, Pa., October 8, 1890.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report the following:

It is said by the wisest man that ever lived, "Train up the child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it."

The Sunday Shool is the place for the young to learn the first prin-

ciples of religion.

Early trianing in the knowledge of the Scriptures, is one of the chief objects of the Sunday School, and by it early piety; which produces true happiness

The Church and Sunday School are one. The Church can not do without the Sunday School, and the Sunday School can not do without the Church. Rob the tree of its blossoms, and we will have no fruit. Rob the Church of its Sunday School, and we seriously effect its progress.

We note with pleasure the steady progress of the Sunday Schools of the Pittsburg Conference, and the increased interest taken in the two district Sunday School Conventions.

We therefore urge upon our ministers to give them their hearty support.

We rejoice in the great prosperity that is attending the effort of the Sunday School Union, and we regret to say, that some of our Schools are standing in their own light, by refusing to patronize the Sunday School Union of our Church.

Resolved, therefore, that we as ministers, will do all in our power to build up our respective Sunday Schools.

Resolved, that it is our indispensable duty, to see to it that every one of our Sunday Schools are supplied with literature from our own Sunday School Union.

Resolved, that we go from this place greatly encouraged, and with renewed zeal, determined to do, by the help of the Master, more in the future than we have done in the past.

All of which we respectfully submit,

RICHARD TANNER,
ROBERT M. HENDERSON,
C. H. BROWN,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDING ELDER'S DISTRICTS.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your Committee on Presiding Elders Districts, beg leave to submit the following:

We commend that Pittsburgh be called the first district, and shall comprise the following places: 1st Wylie Avenue; 2nd East End; 3rd Braddock; 4th New Haven; 5th Altoona; 6th Bedford; 7th Phillipsburg; 8th Williamsport; 9th Lewiston; 10th Huntington; 11th Wilkesbarre; 12th Scranton; 13 Waverly; 14th Bloomsburgh; 15th Milton; 16th Bellefonte; 17th McDonald.

The second district shall be known as the Allegheny District, and shall compose the following places: 1st Browns Chapel; 2nd Chartiers Street; 3rd South Side; 4th Elizabeth; 5th West Newton; 6th Monongahela City; 7th Bridgewater; 8th New Brighton; 9th California; 10th Meadville; 11th Erie Pa.; 23d Oil City; 13th Brad-

ford; 14th Franklin; 15 Brownsville; 16 Uniontown.

The third district shall be known as the Wheeling District, and shall comprise the following places; 1st Wheeling; 2nd Washington; 3rd Cannonsburg; 4th Waynesburg; 5th West Middleton; 6th Clarksburg; 7th Parkersburg; 8th, and the rest of West Virginia; not included in the Conference.

Most Respectfully,

REV. GEORGE C. SAMPSON,
REV. W. H. PALMER,
Committee.

RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATION BY I. N. ROSS.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., October 10, 1890.

WHEREAS: the A. M. E. Church, of Monongahela City, has; and is, laboring under heavy financial embarrassments, and;

WHEREAS: we know the importance of this Church, and the inability of the Congregation to bear its burden, and,

WHEREAS, the above named Church intends sending out an agent; be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the Pittsburgh Conference, most cordially recommend said agent to the favorable consideration of all the congregations and churches, and to the public in general.

I. N. Ross.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., October 14, 1890.

Dear Bishop and Brethren of the Preacher's Aid Society of the Pittsburg Conference:

I desire to submit the following report: and it is with some reluctance I mention some facts in connection with the office I hold.

There came into my hands last Conference,..... $ 37.50

Paid to Rev. A. R. Palmer, by order of the Executive Committee, July 20, 1890, on account of sickness and death of his dear wife,..... 10.00

For which an assessment of 25 cents was made by the same Board, to which only four of the Brethren responded, viz: Revs. B. Wheeler, I. N. Ross, R. C. Ransom and Geo. C. Sampson, making,..... 1.00

Leaving in my hand,..... 28.50

2nd. To Bro. D. F. Denny, who has been sick more than eight months, for which a call was made, to which only six of the Brethren responded, viz: A. E. Waldon, 50 cents, B. Wheeler, 50 cents, C. H. Brown, 25 cents, J. M. Morris,, 50 cents, Geo. C. Sampson, $1.00, making a total amount sent him,..... $3.25

3rd. The small pittence sent through Brother B. Wheeler, to the wife of Rev. T. H. Cyus, whose mind has been effected, and who has

been sick all year, by the following Brethren, W. H. Pride, 75 cts., George C. Sampson, $1.00, J. W. Jeffries, 50 cents, D. S. Bently, 50 cents, J. M. Morris, 50 cents, H. Johnson, $1.00, R. C. Ransom, $1.00, A. E. Waldon, 50 cents, C. H. Brown, $1.00, B. Wheeler, $3.00, C. Woodson, 50 cents, paid for his transportation, $3.18, and I paid $5.00 on a Doctor bill, making a total of,..... $18.43

Sister Fannie Cyus has our deepest sympathy in her distress.

4th. But saddest of all the cases, was the case of the Rev. Joseph B. Jackson, who was snatched from us in his youth and prime, and just when we hoped him to develop into a Good, Grand and Great Man, God called him to himself. For the benefit of his dear wife and two children a call was made, to which only sixteen of the Brethren responded, to the amount of $16.00; one dollar each, viz: Revs. I. N. Ross, D. S. Bently, B. Wheeler, George C. Sampson, R. Tanner, A. Smothers, H. Johnson, C. N. Woodson, J. W. Jeffries, F. D. Denny, R. Brown, J. M. Morris, C. Asbury, C. H. Brown, A. E. Waldon and G. G. Skinner.

Now dear Bishop and Brethren, shall we thwart the great end of this organization by being unreliable, or shall we say to our Brethren when sick: yes you can depend upon me, and to our wives and children when bereaved of husband and father. "Be not fearful you can depend upon me." Thirty-five to forty saying it with emphasis, means something. Not at conference, at memorial services, by our tears and words of sympathy, but at your houses you can receive my dollar promptly, to help cheer your heart, and lighten your burdens. Come Brethren let us make it a success. God bless you pray, now send it on.

In hand, - - - - - - - -	$28 53
Received this year, - - - - - - -	34.25
	$62.75
Paid out by order to Dr. Nutt, - - - - -	5.00
Leaving a balance of, - - - - - -	$57.75

GEORGE C. SAMPSON,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference.

The triumphs of cultivated intellect over the forces of ignorance and superstition, is indeed a wonderful subject for contemplation. Electricity does the writing and talking. Steam and iron are made to do the work of nerve and muscle. In view of these facts, how full of meaning are the words of the old adage, "Knowledge is Power." Reason, like the magnetic influence imparted to iron, may be said to give to matter properties and power which it did not possess before. The intelligent mind should govern the head, hands and heart. So it should be in every department in life. Intelligence should govern ignorance and superstition. The triumph of intellectual development

over every avenue of darkness can be readily seen, and it enables us to surmount difficulties with facility. Like imprisned steam, the more it is pressed the more it rises to resist the pressure. The more we are obliged to do the more we are able to accomplish. Mental development is not inerited by birth, nor the result of a few days' study, but is only acquired as a result of long and earnest application. The communication of mental and spiritual development are the most important offices committed to men on earth. We are to say that the Negro is engaged in the development of his race, morally, mentally and spiritually. He is busily engaged solving the great problem of the day. Let the heart of the race be filled with the love of God, and the head with education,—the pocket with money. With a few lessons of economy the problem will be solved. We are doieg more for the education of our race to-day than ever before. Wilberforce, the great light house of the race, is the pride of African Methodism. With her lesser lights shining upon the Southern soil, and making glad the hearts of our race. Therefore we recommend to the Brethren of this Annual Conference, to remember our beloved Wilberforce, and all of her sister institutions.

We recommend that such selectons, both in prose and verse, as will inculcate a love for God and country, and thus inspire our youth with patriotic sentiment, and at the same give an acurate knowledge of the most important events, so as to counteract the tendency toward Anarchy, Monopoly and selfish greed.

R. H. Morris,
S. C. Honesty,
H. G. Thomas,
J. M. Morris,
Committee.

BISHOP ARNETT PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING FROM BISHOP PAYNE.

Please call the attention of the conference to the minutes of last year, page 33. The Secretary has therein misrepresented me, whether intentionally or by mistake.

The 98th Psalm, 16th verse, does not give ground for any such utterances as "This is God's challenge to iniquity," the statement purported to be quoted from my lips. I made no such statement.

Direct the Secretary and Publishing Committee, to correct that error in the forthcoming minutes and to say what I did vtter in my charge to the ministers. I quoted the 94th Psalm, 16th verse. The text therein is: *Who shall rise up for me against the evil doers? Who shall stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?* Then I said, in explaining this text, 1st, This is God's challenge to *humanity*. 2nd, It is God's challenge to the church universal, and to every local church in particular. 3rd, It is God's challenge to the ministry. He calls upon every minister who represents him, to rise up against evil doers, and to stand up against the workers of iniquity.

Please correct another mistake made with reference to me, at the North Ohio Conference of 1889. There and then I was giving running comments on the 19th Psalm, in which I wes giving physical proof of the existence of God. I represented Dr. Theophilus G. Stewart, as uttering, on the 10th page of his work on Systematic Theology views which were heresay. In the same book, pages 110 and 111, where he is discussing the doctrine of human accountability, as Pailey says, that human accountability comes from the will of God. And he maintains that the moral actions of Cod are to be judged by a law above God. Now, I say, for every law there is a law giver, and if there is a law above God, there must also be a law giver above God. This, however, I say, is not blasphemeous, but heretical. Some enemy of mine has told Brother T. G. Stewart that I said he was blasphemeous. I want him to know that I did not say his views were blasphemeous, but heretical.

I wish these explanations to be published *verbatim et literatim,* in the forthcoming minutes, and let a copy be sent to Dr. Stewart.

Beg the educated men not to suffer the conference to close until they have passed a resolution to raise the $200. They can do this by a united effort in soliciting funds and aid from others.

We must not fail to have two proffessors at Wilberforce Let the practical friends give their whole attention.

Fraternally Yours,

DANIEL A. PAYNE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., October 14th, 1890.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received the following amounts, viz:

Dollar Money,	$1,411.24
Bible Cause Money,	35.90
Contingent "	40.25
Missionary "	409.45
Educational "	39.95
Mite Missionary Society Money,	49.56
Sunday School Union "	114.77
Contingent Collections at Williamsport,	70.32
Total amount received	$2,169.44

All which has been disbursed according to law, and by order of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BROWN,
J. M. MORRIS,
RICHARD TANNER,
W. S. TANNER,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Whatever changes have passed over the laws and customs of Society, since the introduction of the Gospel into the world; the condition men, as subjects of God's government, and the dispensation of his grace, through the sacrifice of His Son upon the Cross, and ever will be the same.

We believe that, were the Great Teacher sent from God, to re-visit the earth, simply as a teacher, the methods He would employ to make known His Father's will to the children of men, would not differ essentially from those which are laid down in the Bible.

He would still go about doing good; from village to village, and from house to house; healing the sick, raising the dead, addressing individuals, or groops of men, women and children, in the market places, by the roadside, in the dessert, and on the house-top, and various other places, as well as in the temple and synugoges.

It was the practice of the founders of our religion, and its apostles and disciples; not so much to gather the people together for instruction, as to to carry instructions to them. Opportunities for the circulation of the bible were in this way, greatly multiplied.

We believe that the avenues and resources, for the introduction of the Word of God into all lands, are more numerous to-day than it ever has been in the history of our church.

The bible is now being acknowledged in every land, as the only means by which that true light, which lighteth evermore; that cometh into the world, can be diffused. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the ministers of the Pittsburg Conference use every effort to place bibles in our churches, and in every home.

I. B. Till,
A. Smothers,
S. T. Jones,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions, beg leave to submit to the following:—

To the Bishop and Conference:

First, of the vastness of the field!

Prince Albert used to say to young men; find out God's plan in your generation, and then beware! lest you cross it. But fall promptly into your own place in that plan.

Dr. Anderson declares, as the the result of many year's experience, as a Missionary Secretary, that the great defect of the age is, that it does not respond as it should to the providence of God.

In the light of these declarations, how great must be the responsibility of the Christian Church; who profess to be followers of Him who hath said: "Go ye into all the world, to preach My Gospel."

It is time that India is a starry firmament, sparkling with missionary stations; Turkey is planted with churches, from the Golden Horn

to the Tigres and the Euphrates, and the Cross is beginning to outshine the Cresent.

Syria, with her young men and women, educated in their Christion Schools, are scattering through the dominion of Mohamed, a million leaves of the Tree of Life.

Japan is standing toward christian civilization, with the rapidity that rivals Apostolic days.

Africa is crossed, girdled penetrated by missionary bands. It is attracting to itself the wondering gaze of the civilized world.

Yet these stupendous results are only beginnings. Millions of the human race have never heard the "Star of Bethlehem," "Gethsemane" and of "Calvary." But we must confine ourselves to the missionary work, in our chuches.

Brother Fredric writes from Freetown, Sierre Lione, West Africa, but for the $5.00 sent him from the brethren of the Third Episcopal District, he would have been obliged to abandon the field, and teturn home; but by generous responses, and the hand of God, he has gone on with the good work, planting schools and churches, and where cannibal's ovens roasted their victims for the feast of death, the Lord's Table is now spread for the feast of life and love. But to carry forward this work, brought generous response from home.

Brother Hood writes from Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, that the progress of the work is retarded; there by the lack of qualified workmen in the field; whilst through missionary collections, and mite misionary societies we are doing much; much more must be done to retain what we have, and to secure more. The territorial bounds of this conference are vast; the field is but partially developed, and the laborers are few. First amongst its needs is the church. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the harves. The sympathy of christian women must be enlisted; the youth must be imbued with the spirit of missions, and missionary literature must be diffussed to the Sunday Schools, and Homes of our people; missionary hymns must be sung, to the end that a holy zeal for the cause of missions, may be kindled throughout the borders of Zion.

R. C. Ransom,
W. S. Lowry,
G. C. Sampson.
Committee.

BISHOP PAYNE'S ADDRESS.

I address this appeal to you, sons of Wilberforce, who have had opportunities of knowing her wants, and who, therefore, must feel a deep interest in any plan promising relief to those wants. During your years of study here, you observed how crippled was the corps of Instructors in the Theological Department, and from your knowledge of the superior numbers in more favored Colleges, you could not but draw comparisons to the disparagement of your own. You know that an institution having three or more Professors in its Theological Department was thereby better equipped, and more likely to win our bright-

est young men. No one could censure the student who entered a white university thus manned, in preference to ours with but one instructor. At my last visit to the Atlanta University, a Methodist school, I found sixteen African Methodist young men and one Presiding Elder, studying in the Gammon Theological Department, under direction of three earned Professors. A fourth has since been added to that corps. Now, these young men might have been drawn to Wilberforce, had she been equally as well equipped. You remember the case of that brilliant youug man who left Wilberforce for Gammon, because the former afforded but one Instructor in Theology, while the latter had three. He told me while debating the question of making this change, that he would go, if he had to clean knives and forks to support himself there, so great stress did he place upon the superior advantages of Gammon. The outcome was he left the African Methodist connection for that of the Methodist, and is now a traveling preacher of that body.

Wilberforce must be strengthened, not weakened. She cannot grow strong when her corps is so insufficient in point of numbers, and when those completed to divide their time with other pursuits. One Professor has recently been added to the corps, as an assistant in Theology. His salary is not paid by the Trustees of the College, but is solely dependent upon contributions of friends to the cause. To raise this salary is my present subject of much thought, and hence my appeal to you, former students of Wilberforce, in my three Conferences I desire to let rest upon you the burden of raising two hundred dollars from your respective Conferences. The six hundred thus secured will leave but two hundred more to be otherwise obtained. Take the injunction, "Seek, and ye shall find," and apply it in this matter. Visit any wealthy and friendly disposed man or woman for the purpose of presenting this matter. As in cases I have in mind, you may meet with wonderful success as a result of a single visit. By contributions alone can we keep two Theological Professors, until the Lord crowns the Endowment Fund with success.

Please do not confound with the above object the pledge made some two years ago, to the effect that each minister shall pay $2.50 a year on the Endowment Fund, to be known under the name of his Conference. This present $200 is something additional, and by being active in raising both, you will have formed the good habit of contributing and soliciting from others something for Wilberforce annually. Be systematic and persistent in your efforts, and I believe the Lord will crown your work with succes.

RESOLUTIONS ON REV. R. C. RANSOM.

WILLIAMSPORT, October 14th, 1890.

Rev Dear Bishop and Brothers:

WHEREAS, Our dear Brother, Rev. R. C. Ransom, whose lot has been cast with us during the last few years, and who has, by his upright walk, chaste conversation and earnest and arduous labors, developed a high Christian character; and who has engrafted himself into

our affections as a true minister of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, thus causing him to be as he is, one of us in every sense; and

WHEREAS, God, in His wise Providence, and the Bishop in his godly judgment, has seen fit to remove him from our Conference for the time being, to fill North Street A. M. E. church, Springfield, O., while we feel ourselves complimented, yet we all regret his absence. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Rev. R. C. Ransom carries with him our prayers and best wishes for his success in his new field of labor, and we will welcome him back to our fold when his work is done, at Springfield with open arms, honest and loving hearts. And may God bless his dear wife and family, and raise up to them many kind friends.

GEO. C. SAMPSON,
I. N. ROSS.

RESOLUTION ON DR. EMORY'S WORK ON THEOLOGY.

WILLIAMSPORT, LYCOMING CO., PA.

We, the members of the Pittsburgh Conference, having carefully examined the well prepared Book on Theology, by Dr. Emory; to it we

Resolve, that we, the members of the Conference, highly appreciate its value to us, as the thing necessary for the advancement of our Young Men, and the glory of the Race. Therefore:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Conference, that we heartily endorse it, and we recomemnd it to every Theological Student throughout this connection.

REV. W. S. LOWRY,
REV. W. H. PALMER,
R. TURNER,
Committee.

INVITATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE TO ATTEND A FORMAL RECEPTION.

WILLIAMSPORT, October 11, 1890.

To the Rev. Bishop, and Members of the Pittsburgh Conference:

You are most cordially invited to attend a Formal Reception, given by the Ladies and Gentlemen of this City, on Monday evening, October 13, at the A. M. E. Church Hall, from 8 to 11 p. m.

Respectfully Yours,

MRS. SADIE STOKES,
MISS LIZZIE WAGNER,
MISS MAUD SMITH,
MR. WILLIAM FAIRFAX,
MR. WILLIAM CROSS,
Committee.

INVITATION OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TO VISIT THEIR BUILDING.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

To the Bishop, Ministers and Delegates, in attendance at the Pittsburg Conference of the A. M. E. Church:

BRETHREN:–

The Young Men's Christian Association, of the City of Williamsport, invites you to visit their Building, at 211 West Fourth Street, and make use of its public privileges while you remain among us.

Col. III:23-24.

Yours Fraternally,

C. A. P. MERSHON,

General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO AUDIT THE ACCOUNT OF J. M. MORRIS.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., October 13, 1880.

To the Bishop and Conference:

I have examined the account of Rev. J. M. Morris, Treasurer of the Missionary Society, and find his account proper and correct up to date, and in his hands the receipts in full for the same.

GEO. C. SAMPSON,

Committee.

RESOLUTION ON BISHOP TURNER.

Resolved, that we highly appreciate the visit of Rt. Rev. Henry M. Turner, D. D., Bishop of the First Episcopal distinct to our Conference, and that we hail him as one of the greatest and grandest characters among the leaders of the church and race.

Resolved, that our Conference is highly honored by his presence, and we, the members have been greatly informed and instructed by the words which he has spoken to us.

Resolved, that we commend the wisdom of the General Conference in adopting Bishop Turner's "Methodist" Policy and that each member of this Conference be urged to add this valuable work to his library.

CORNELIUS ASBURY,

W. H. BROWN.

Committee.

REPORT OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

The Preachers' Aid Society met with the President B. Whecler in the chair. Each member answering to their names and paying their dues, [1.00] making a total of $34,25.

Rev. G. C. Sampson submitted his report as Treasurer, having had in hand last year $37.50.

Amount paid out to Rev. A. R. Palmer	$10.00
Leaving a balance in hand of	$27.50
One Dollar assessments	$1.00
Total	$28.50

B. Wheeler, Pres.
G. C. Sampson, Treas.
J. W. Jeffries, Sec.

RESOLUTION ON BISHOP CAMPBELL.

Whereas, we are informed that our ex-presiding bishop, James Pitt Campbell, D. D. LL. D., is, and has been for more than a year, seriously afflicted, and

Whereas, he endeared himself to this conference by his manly deportment and zeal for the church of God, and

Whereas, we have very pleasant recollections of our association during his administration, therefore

Resolved, that we deeply sympathize with him in his affliction, and will ever pray that God will sustain him with an abundance of His grace in this hour of trial.

Resolved, that we do hereby assure him that he has a warm place in our hearts, and that although on account of circumstances he is absent from us, he is not forgotten by us.

Resolved, we hold in high esteem his noble wife and our dear Sister Campbell, who has so nobly stood by him during his illness, caring for his wants and cheering him with words of kindness.

Resolved, that if we never meet him again in this world, by the grace of God we will meet him in the land here inhabitants never of sickness complain, and never see death any more.

Cornelius Asbury,
S. T. Jones,
Wm. H. Brown,
Geo. C. Sampson,
D. S. Bently,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF CORNELIUS ASBURY, D. D.

Resolved, that we are highly pleased with the dignified and impartial manner in which Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett has presided over the deliberatiods of this conference, and that we will hail his presence in our midst with a great deal of pleasure at any time in the future.

Resolved, that we deeply sympathize with Bishop D. A. Payne in

his affliction, and that our prayer is that it may please the Lord to restore his health to him again.

Resolved, that if we never meet in annnal conference again in thi world, we will meet in the great congregation in the sanctuary of God in the Kingdom of Heaven.

CORNELIUS ASBURY.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, that we return te the citizens of Williamsport, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this conference at their homes.

Resolved, that our thanks are hereby tendered to the pastor for his noble and successful efforts to provide for the comfort of the brethren, making our stay in this city exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable,

Resolved, that we return thanks to the choir for the very choice and delightful music furnished at the services from time to time.

DOLLAR MONEY.

St Paul, Bellefonte, Pa.,—Rev. C. H. Brown, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Sarah F. Wilson, Mary Pennington, Margaret Powel, Tillie Dorsey, Lucy Stewart, Goin Thomas, Mariah Green, Emma Green, Caroline Monroe, Adaline Lawson, Alfred Stewart, Peter Jones, Louisa Dunlap, Mary Ann Gilmore, Mary A. Johnson, Martha Jones, Thamazine Pennington, Annie Brown, George Brown, Emma Hamer, Jessie Green, Katie Miller, Mary Miller, Sarah E. Graham, Thamazine McDaniels, Katie Derry, James Carter, William Potter, A. V. Jackson, Kate Wellington, Robert H. Nelson, L. Wm. Lee. Nettie Palmer paid 60 cents. The following persons paid 50 cents each: Benjamin Williams, Celia Williams, Charles Green, Mary Garner, J. Malisa Garner, Wm. H. Mills, Celia Mills, Anna Miller, Hellen Mills, Lettie Carter, Charles Garner, Sr., John Emry, Alice Emry, Robert Randolph, Alonzo Potter. The following paid 25 cents each: Moses Jackson, Carrie Mills, Albert Washington, Joseph Mayhew, William Green. Total, $41.35.

Lock Haven.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Peter D. Brown, Mary Brown, James Tyler, David Hamilton, Sarah Whiting, Edward Whiting, Lucinda Stills, Hattie Brown, Francis Brown, Reynolds, Clara Butler, Robert Butler. Harriet Rice and Eliza Smith each paid 50 cents. Total, $13.00. Grand total, $54.35 Percentage, 75.4.

Cannonsburg, Pa.,—Rev Geo. C. Sampson, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Martha A. D. Sampson, Mosiah Lotterburry, Abram Lotterburry, John E. Harper, Chas. H. Hill, Cathern Curry, T. J. West, Maggie Williams, Eliza J. Wheeler, Mar.. M. Godwell, John Cain, John L. Davis, Mansfield Brown, Hanna Brown, Rachel Warfield, Adam Bell, Sarah Coodeck, James Lotterburry, Jane Wheeler, Thomas Adam, Annie Hayden, Maggie E. Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Alice Nooman, Joseph Nosman, Alexander Paisley, Cornelia Praul, Isabela Henderson, Rebecka Henderson, S. A. Warfield, Isaac Strathers, Virginia Sluby, Cyus Brown, Hanna Brown, Eliza Brown, Mary Teresa Patterson. The following persons paid fifty cents each: George Walls, Jane Hill, Kate Banks, Julia Curry, Margaret McCroby, William Robinson, Isaac Lotterbury, George Lotterburry, Robert Patterson, Martha Patterson, Margaret R. Henderson, George McCurdy, Jane McCurdy, Perry Burges. S. W. Alberts, Jr., Ersa Wheeler, John Lotterbury, Emma Lotterbury, Christ Patterson, Christopher Davis, Lucinda Davis, John Webster, Sarah Webster, Nancy Burges, Martha Adams, John Wilkins, Rachel Wilkins, Elizabeth Washington, James Burges, Annie Burges, Samuel Bush, Joseph Davis, Lou. Catlin, M. C. Hill, Jury Burges, Alice Robinson, Jane Bell, Julia Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Wm. H. Thomas, Sarah West, S. W. Albert, Sr., Albert Bush, Mary A. Scott, Chas. H. Mathews, Mary C. Mathews, Edith Albert. Samuel H. Albert, Loucinda Albert, Nettie Brown, Dannie Brown, Ellen Wheeler, Cathern Williams, Joseph Hilton, Mary Julia Boyd, Warner Washington, Elizabeth Dungie, John W. Johnson, Mary Johnson. Rebecka Sheves paid thirty-five cents. The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: John Burges, Margrett Burges Jane West, Emma C. Kelley, John Morgan, Sarah Morgan, Millie Warfield, Thomas Johns, Martha Brown, Elies Wood, Sopha Harper, Ellen Bryant, Joseph Bryant, Lousinda Wallace. Cash twenty cents. Total, $70.45.

Williamsport, Pa.,—B. Wheeler, Pastor.

The following persons paid one Dollar each: Mary E. Stevenson, David Blue, L. T. Stevenson, Charlrtt Blue, Mary Willis, Sarah Holingsworth, May Ramsey, Annie Williams, Elizabeth Allen, Michael Wood, Hanna Green, Wm. Alexander, Sarah White, Anna C. Alexander, B. Blue, Hannah Blue, Lousa Blue, Alonzo Watson, Harvey Dorsey, Christian Jones, Maggie Wood, Jane Jackson, Mary Blue, Hester Newman, Sarah Jones, Job Jones, Nellie Mateur, Mag-

gie Alexander, Annie Frazier, Mary Frances, Annie White, Isiah White, Martha Linchcome, Elizabeth O'Brine, Joseph Davis, Mary Lyons, Kitty Hagan, Mary Cross, Petry Sommers, Cora Davis, J. H. White, Elizabeth Bazan, Nancy Peterson, Elizabeth Wheeler, Maggie See, Mary Wagner, John Brown, Jennie Brown, Elizabeth Wagner, Elizabeth Hutchins, Maggie Crooks, Charlott Dockins, Sarah Winname, Catherin Summers, Cornelia Bazan, Charlott Jones, Anna Wheeler, H. Newman, Willis Branson, H. Butler, Elizabeth Powell, Maggie Emery, Mary Harris, Victoria Branson, Caroline Williams, Hattie Hall, Syntne Hughes, Ida Hall, Jeremian Blue, Elias Alexander, Anna Fairfax, Geo. W. Wagner, H. H. McDowell, Sadie Stokes, Ida Hall, Mary Suthren, Rebecan Robinson, Frank Harris, Elizabeth Wheeler.

Washington.

The following persons paid one dollar each; Mary Mull, B. J. M. Brown, Elizabeth Monday, Alfred Crocket, Minerva Martin, Christopher Patterson, William House, Samuel Shorter, R. H. Baker, Sarah Golden, Georgian Bland, Washington Dusham, Margaret Williams, Nimrod Grayson. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Charles Hall, Elizabeth Hall, Nancy J. Flanigan, Annie Highgate, Nellie Thomas, J. W. Wade, Timothy Chapman, Jane Chapman, Cadie Smith, Mary Harris, Robert Johnson, Hattie Cox, Norcisses Asbury.

East Elizabeth,—R. H. Morris, Pastor.

The following named persons paid one dollar each: Francis Pangburn, Elijah Pangburn, Mary Redman, Katie Holmes, Tilly Saunders, Jane Martin, Alexander Kelly, Rosie Billups, Hariet Sanders, Frances Fletcher, Washington Simmons, Margaret Simmons, A. J. Batch, James Batch, Maggie Norris, J. R. Lucas, P. Haddox, F. D. House, M. J. House, Isephine Holmes, T. J. Davidson, A. W. Scott, Martha Phillips, D, B. Scott, Lillie Saunders, Nancy Pangburn, Hannah Matthews, Lania Simmons, Anna McFarland, Amos Martin, Cathrine Martin, Workman Simmons, Amanda Simmons, Sarah Fletcher. The following persons paid seventy-five cents each: Edward Holmes, Hannah Davidson, Amanda Jones. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Dianna Holmes, Margaret Rice, Lelia Taulton, J. H. Pangburn, Anna Pangburn, Samuel Pangburn, Alex. Pangburn, Samuel Phillips, Eliza Simmons, Rosie Pangburn. The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Sadie Arnold, Emma Davison, Luke Davison, Rebecca Pangburn, Robert Batch, Alfred Pangburn. The following persons paid fifteen cents each: Bertha Davison, Darcas Paugborn, The following paid ten cents each: Adda Batch, Adda Fletcher, Thorny Davison. Sally Pangburn. Total, $43.10.

West Elizabeth,—R. H. Morris, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: L. Randolph, W.

H. Johnson, Mary Johnson, C. H. Armntrong, Melisa Armstrong, Mary Brown, Joseph Randolph, Alex. Randolph, Louisa Randolph, Effie Randolph, John Scott, Lonella Scott, John Brown, James S. Anderson, Sarah Jones, Elizabeth Ralier, B. Morris, Emma Smith. The following paid fifty cents each: William Armstrong, Robert Scott. The following paid twenty-five cents each: Eliza Henderson. Total, $18.25. Grand total, $61.35.

St. James A. M. E. Church, East End,—J. M. Morris, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar cash: Rebecca M. Morris, Ruben Banks, Ellen Banks, John Paul, Sopha Truley, James Peters, C. H. Pennewell. Hunter Gray, Jane Anderson, Josephine Patient, Sarah Knox, Florence Harden, Mrs. Henry Chapman, Benjamin Anderson, July Knox, Alexander Sanders, Jennie Hall, Frank Bowser, Moses Hickenbottom, Wm. Thompson, G. W. Gant, L. J. Burleigh, P. W. Burleigh, Walter Hickenbotem, James Jackson, Mary Ann Crampton, Georgie Crampton, Alice Scott, Sarah Forebush, Nannie Anderson, Birdie Henderson, Samuel Culf, Mary Addson, Mariah Thomas, Anna Bailey, Molly Grenage, Walter Grenage, Lue Sanders, Tillie Graham, Emanual Blood, Bessie Alexander, Charles Addson, J. W. Cravos, John Solomon, Samuel Branson, E. E. Obrient; Rachel Shields, John Bullitt, Anna Singelton, Joseph Singelton, George Bullitte, Robert Beasley, Martha Beasley, Frank Brisco, Alexander Patterson, Samuel Lockley, Bill Burleigh, Solomon Norman, David Smith, Solomon Richardson, Harriet Solomon, Lizzie Deams, Mary Burgiest, Sadie Paul, David Paul, Charles Bullitte, Ida Wiliams, Edward Paul, Amanda Bransom, B. Jennie Bransom, Florence Harden, Jr., Hattie Rody, Bessie B. Morrie, Mary Patterson, Lucinda Thompson, Frank Silvers, Robert Wheeler, Nancy Allen, Charles Lane, Lue Jackson, Sarah Thompson, Rachel Catlin, Robert Stevenson. The following paid fifty cents each: Add Bullitte, Rebecca Smith, Lula Chatman, Hester Jackson. The following paid twenty-five cents each: Rufus Johnson, Ida Williams, Lucinda Baker. Margaret Coldwell paid thirty-five cents. Total, $86.85.

Chartiers Street Church,—Rev. R. C. Ransom, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: James Sliver, Laura Stewart, Wm. Miner, Ellu Eitus, Rebecca Miner, Jas. H. Robinson. John H. Ridgeley, Pauline Dorsey, Ann M. Delaney, Alice Weaver, Daniel Dorsey, George Dexter, John Gross, Katie Fisher, Florence Brown, Elizabeth Dorsey, Wm. Lucket, Hester Lucket, Charlie Carrol, Chas. Diggs, Fannie Diggs, Joshua Frazier, Irene Hill, Clarence Brown, Jennie Chambers, W. H. Robinson, Laura Brown, Joseph and Nettie Richards each paid seventy-five cents. The following paid fifty cents each: Thomas B. Chambers, Elizabeth Chambers, John Washington, Stella Maney. Total, $34.00.

Brown Chapel, Allegheny, Pa.,—I. N. Ross, Pastor.

The following persons paid One Dollar each: Ellen Tucker, Cary F. Robinson, W. M. Smith, Joseph D. Smith, E. D. Carson, Andrew Queen, John H. Norman, Benjamin Voun, Ellen Howard, F. S. Darkins, Mrs. Amanda Brown, Matilda Warfield, W. N. Warfield, A. W. Berry, Eveline Williams, L. Williams, Emily Johnson, Molie Cox, J. H. Burgis, C. H. Sweney, Mary Overhall, Charles Ashbey, Priscilla Crunkelton, Isaac Saunders, Rachel Jones, John Clark, Florence R. Jones, H. W. Jones, C. Stafford, H. Morrison, Louisa Lawyer, Annie Carson, W. F. Cuff, H. Miers, Mason Washington, Laura C. Lewis, Hettie Smith, Elizabeth Hains, Mary E. Buckner, Lucy Roberts, Lottie M. Smith, E. G. Middleton, D. B. Williams, J. H. Srohm, Jane Barns, Emma Timpson, Jennie Page, James H. Page, R. Hunter, Senia Buckner, Senge W. Stoner, Ella Stoner, Annie Gates, Louisa E. Snyder, Mamie R. Ross, Sarah Dickson, Isabella Miller, E. J. Cox, L. S. Darkner, Mary Persen, Mrs. E. Fisher, Georgeana Bruce, L. Smith, Henry H. Caswell, William Milton, J. A. Wilson, Charles Moor, Annie M. Lewis, Mary E. Graham, Catherine Thomas, Annie Banks, Joseph K. Crunkleton, Annie M. Lewis, D. R. Lee, R. H. Bamoy, H. M. Jones, L. C. Duff, Jourdan Botts, Sarah Henry, Lewis Queen, G. K. Siles, Ruth J. Jones, Mary R. Henderson, Eliza A. Brown, Kittie Cuff, Sylvester Burrel, George S Crunkleton, George Zimmerman, Mrs. E. Wilson, L. Johnson, John Smith, Martha A. Johnson, Saruh Cotlin, Lizzie Jones, Jane Allen, Ella Stoner, Cathern Davis, Mary Hutchison, Jordan Chandler, Mary E. Chandler, Mary A. Bea. Jesse Jones paid $1.25, Emmo J. Saylor paid 75 cents. The following persons paid the sum of 50 cents: Lizzie Moor, Mary Brooks, Lucy Austin, James Queen, J. S. Dorris, Sarah Dorris, Josephine Cook, Mrs. Annie Morris Young, Matilda Hill, Ella Kelley, Israel Kelley, Master Dannie Woods, Carrie E. Crunkleton, M. E. Washington, C. J. Cook, Serge Cook, Mattie Tobies, Nancy Ransom, Mamie Frazier, Sallie Crable, Joseph Washington, E. G. Lane, N. S. Patterson, Daniel Woodward. Mrs. Amos paid 75 cents. Kozier Roberts paid 25 cents.

Wylie Avenue,—Pittsburgh, Pa:

The following persons paid One Dollar: Rev. George Knox, Mr. George Douse, Thomas R. Roach, Joshua Jones, G. P. Offer, W. M. Banks, B. Mahoney, Georgia Ragan, Annie L. Moseby, W. Toliver, E. Ramor, Susan Sly, E. Hawkins, Wm. Rogers, Dr. Brady, M. A. Sawyer, R. T. Sawyer, Ion Dixon, Wm. Davison, J. Howard, G. A. England, Julia Washington, A. C. Bell, D. James, Wm. Punch, H. Bolden, Wm. Punch, S. Toliver, Lizzie Singleton, M. R. Thompson, H. E. Kinner, W. Henderson, K. Clark, D. Gardner, Lucy Knox, J. W. Gains, G. Washington, G. Woodson, D. Gibson, Emma Arter, W. Austin, M. E. Kenner, Dr. J. C. Golden, — McReynolds, A. Gibson, Jr., Mamie Roach, J. D. Brown, F. Ragan, S. Golden, R. J. Cox, S. Cox, Mary Dickson, J, W. Dickson, H. Dosan, S. Maloney, T. Monroe, Mrs. T. Monroe, Maggie Donse, S. D. Roach, R. Jackson, C. L. Johnson, James Johnson, L. Austin, M. Backus, T. Morton, J. Baltimore, H. Herbert, Mary V. Jones, H. Clocton, C. Ball, A. Ball,

A. Herbert, P. Donse, N. Thompson, J. Thompson, J. H. Johnson, E. Johnson, F. Billows, A. J. Billows, W. Billows, W. Coats, E. Coats, C. Coats, A. Haliburton, W. Jones, — Haliburton, S. Austin, J. Polland, R. Jackson, Sarah Palmer, T. J. Spriggs, Maria Johnson, H. Bealer, Mrs. H. Bealer, Emanuel Jackson, R. Saowden, Taylor Jones, J. H. Backus, A. Coster, W. T. Miller, H. Hunter, W. Palmer, Martha Simpson, Louisr Gould, H. Perkins, Martha Ramey, John Master, John ———, C. Stinson, E. Washington, J. Buson, H. Roberson, H. Bruce, J. Muntox, C. Proctor, V. Proctor, J. Proctor, M. Ditcher, Mary ———, Mary Peck, W. P. Robinson, S. J. Palmer, Jane Lovett, C. H. Jones, Susan Wilson, W. Garrison, Mary Southern, C. O. Donnell, A. O. Donnell, Moses Watson, M. Watson, L. Baltimore, A. B. Thompson, E. Thompson, S. A. Caldwell, M. Manley, A. Tocers, A. Roy, M. Williams, A. Batton, J. Grandison, Berry Levis, M. Jackson, E. Dammond, L. Jackson, L. Dammond, H. Robinson, L. Honzer. The following persons paid Fifty Cents: E. Reed, H. Harris, Carrie Ragan, Mattie Hilton, Sansom Ransom, — Foggs, K. Foggs, John Foggs, Freddie Ragan, Mamie Donse, H. Donse, T. Thompson, M. E. Jones, A. B. Woodson, C. Derry, E. Davis, Blanch Woodson, C. Woodson, Mary ———, M. Sims. Mrs. Nancy Palmer gave $2; W. Allen, R. Tocus and T. Gatewood 25 cents each.

Monongahela City,—F. D. Denny, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: R. H. Smith, J. W. Sanders, James J. Jones, J. A. Jones, Elizabeth Ralph, W. G. Ralph, W. J. Mossutt, Olive H. Jones. The following persons paid 50 cents each. Ettie Spencer, Eliza Dority, Clara West, Matilda Lewis, J. W. Alexander, Rosa Strothers, Clara Jones, R. B. Jones, J. W. Woodson. Rachel Kemper paid 75 cents; Martha A. Alexander paid 25 cents, and Freeman West gave 10 cents.

Meadeville, Pa.,—S. C. Honesty, Pastor.

Mary Henderson, Isaiah Jackson, Samuel Green, Charles Allen, C. M. Gillespie, Matilda Green, C. A. Green, L. Jackson, Isaiah Jackson, David Lee, Rachel Green, Willis Sharp, Frank Henry, Lamie Miller, Elizabeth Penman, R. B. Penman, Clara Miller, Samuel Cassiday, Rachel Green, S. L. Gardner. The following persons paid 50 cents each: Jane Sharp, Minnie B. Green, Luvena Smith, Lydia Gordon, W. I. Scott, S. P. Henderson; H. Henderson, Hattie Pratt. Maggie Henderson paid 65 cents; Robert M. Henderson paid 25 cents; and John Price paid 10 cents.—Total $25 00.

West Middletown, Pa., J. W. Riley Pastor.

The following persons paid $1: George W. Webster, David Payne, Mary Jane Webster, Ceata Bozier, James Webster, Martha Harris, Sarah Harris. The following paid 50 cents each: Emma Wallace, William Fullum, E. J. Humphrey, Sophio Payne, Mary W. Zierley, Robert Zierley. G. M. Kelly 25 cents.—Total, $11.

Oil City, Pa.,—W. S. Lowry, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Cornelia Butler, Margaret Simons, Prissilla Mars, R. H. Mans, William A. Hensom, James E. Lucas, Franklin Thomas Spence, Peter Bryant, M. A. Walker, Mollie Lucas, Jessie Barret, Tempy Gray, L. Gray, Andrew Bolden, S. T. Lucas, R. A. Hopking, Nobie Johnson, Bessie Lucas, Ellen Green, Jerry Williams, John Lucas, Charles Simons, Emma Hill, Levi Nusom, C. H. Orbison, Maggie Lucas, Lida Franklin, Nottie Williams and P. Bryant each paid seventy-five cents each. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Lousia Williams, Jennie Jackson, E. Bassett, Cathrine French, Nancy Nusom, Joan Johnson, H. L. Mans, May E. Lucas, Bell Jackson, Wesley Paul, Rosie Paul, Wilson Tyler, Matilda Jackson, C. H. Jackson. The following paid twenty-five cents each: R. M. Green, C. C. Green, Walter Scott.

Titusville.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Lida A. R. Lowry, William Taylor, John Clark, George Umphry, Francis Umphry, J. M. Richards, Catherine L. Hector, John Douglass, Nancy Scott, F. M. Rakes, Anna E. Jackson, George White, William Hector, Mary E. Taylor, Jane Neal, Mrs. Douglass, James Edwards, J. C. Thomas, Frank Johnson, G. White, I. H. Thomas, Jennie Bowil, Matilda Grace. E. Degraugh and Anna Miner paid seventy-five cents each. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Charlotte Clark, Elizabeth Degraw, Margaret Brown, M. A. Hensley. Lena Meyen and George Neal paid twenty-five cents each. Total, $53.90.

W. H. Palmer, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Mary F. Stewart, Eliza Williams, Jennie Carrett, Matilda Jackson, Phoebie Anderson, Emma Dickson, Charles H. Jones, Mary Jackson, Ellen Randolph, William Randolph, Martha Laurue, Eviline Walters, Minerva Walters, Margaret Favor, Jordan Randalls, Baker Johnson, Francis Williams, Nie Smith, Cornea Jackson, Ebenezer Laurue, George Goodmen, Susan Smith, Hora Garrett, Mary Randalls, Amelia Brown, James Brown, Mamie West, John Henderson, Mrs. John Henderson, Elizabeth Fletcher, Anna Clark, Mamie West, Shem. Boles, Lall. Black, Catharen West, Jennie Goodman, Emma Powell. Lousia Boles paid fifty cents. Total, $36.50.

McDonald, Pa.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Lewis Ellis, Elizabeth Christian, Winston Green. The following paid fifty cents each: John Williams, Jennie Williams, Mary Homes, Bella Boston. Clara Christian paid twenty-five cents. Aunty Johnson paid twelve cents.

Franklin, Pa.,—R. M. Henderson. Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Lucinda Stevens, Augusta Thomas, Alfred Thomas, Catherine Burgess, Julia Brocton, Alfred Simms, Mary E. Minor, Albert Lawson, Annie Clark, C. W. Henderson, Seth Stevens. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Nania Stevens, Douglas Fields, Rev. James Lawson

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Erie Station, Pa.,—R. Bromn, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Albert Recter, Mariah Recter, Frank Brown, Syntha Clair, J. W. Valintine, John Kinney, Mariah Valintine, Charley Franklin, Nancy Recter, J. H. Thompson, Ida Lawson, Annie Johnson, Rebecca Thompson. Charley Hill, Sophiah Avler, Minnie Brown, Nelly Aarden, Emma Franktin. The following paid fifty cents each: Sarah Powers, Ben. Lawson, G. H. Oardy, Mary E. Brown. Emma Lawrence paid twenty-five cents. Devere Thompson paid ten cents. Kittie Brown, Reana Brown and Rosa Brown paid five cents each. Total. $20.00.

South Burkettstown, Pa., A. M. E. Church,—Cyrus Brown Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: C. L. Petters, Millie Cooper. The following paid fifty cents each: Perry Brown, Margaret Potter, Harrison Cowen, Henry Petters. Martha Peters paid twenty-five cents. Total, $4.25.

Montrose, Pa.,—D. J. Johnson, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: George Battle, Peter Nobbis, Nimrod Slaughter, Martha Harris, Jane Wilson, Jane Norris, Catherine Battle, Esterbin Slaughter. Eliza Booery paid fifty cents.

Waverly.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Ignatus Thomas, Elizabeth Bhomas, Catherine Bradley, Susan Sampson, Fannie Sampson. The following persons paid fifty cents each: John R. Johnson, Susan Baker. The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: George Johnson, Mary Norris, Lu Tasker. Jane Washington paid twenty-five cents. Total, $15.45.

New River Circuit, Raleigh Co.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Jacob Sanders, Melinda Sanders, Preston Sanders, Wm. Malry, Myda Malry. Julia Sanders paid fifteen cents. E. L. Shannon paid ten cents. Maude Malry, Sirrelda Anderson, Sarah Sanders, Vick Sanders, Calvin Sanders, Loutitia Sanders, each paid five cents.

Duquesne.

Thomas Weaver and Harris Weaver paid $1 each. Martha Hawkins and Mary Readman paid 25 cents each.

Wheeling, West Va.—W. N. Young Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: James A. Hunt, Robert Johnston, George Howard, James Strange, Lucinda Bradford, Mary E. Jackson, Lucy West, Lucinda Thompson, Julia Johnson, Dorcas Barber, Zora D. Preston, Barbara Sly, Mary Hill, Mattie Lewis, Bel; Bonner. Johnnie Whiting and Charles Johnsen paid 50 cents each; and Julia Mason paid 25 cents.—Total, $16 25.

Clarksburg Mission—Rev. J. W. Amiss, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: Flora Jiles, Eliza Frazier, Maria Brent, Nannie E. Carter, L. G. Robinson, Agnes Ogden, Julia Beckwith, Mary Grayson, Nannie Sousberry, Maria Sousberry, Malinda Stratton; the following paid 50 cents each: Sophia Lee, Allan Lee, John Robinson, Stella Jones, Gay Ankrum, Julia Ross, Henry Childs, Amelia Childs; Lizzie Robinson, Fleming Robinson and Florence Lee paid each 25 cents; Florence Littleton and May Littleton paid Five cents each.

Brownsville Station—G. G. Skinner, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: Maggie Smith, Elizabeth Alexander, Lucinda Arnett, Mary E. Black, Hestor Gordon, Thomas Sorrell, Jane Check, Letitia Marsh, Annie Cushenberry, Clarence Johns, Haddie Demus, B. R. A. Tilghman, Chance Bolden, Rebecca Barker, Charles E. Wheeler, Rosetta Jackson, Mary Carpenter, Eva Peyton, Emma M. Terry, Wesley Wilson; John Yates paid 75 cents; the following paid 50 cents each: Rebecca King, Coroline Mossett, Mary C. Peyton, Bella Alexander, William Johns, Mary Robinson, Julia Johns, Jane Smith, Mary Bolden, Mary J. Sowell, J. H. Thompson, Mary A. Turner, Kassie E. Smothers, Mary Johnson, Elizabeth Simpson, Mary Thompson, Mary Wallace, A. H. Wallace, Nelson Honesty, Wilson Terrell, Amanda Skinner, Ella Skinner, Albert Baker, Will Carpenter, Kassie Crabb; the following paid 25 cents each: George A. Smothers, Kassie K. Strong, Clorinda Bolden, Georgetta Mossett, Harriet J. Smith, Pricilla Smith, Lorain Mossett, John Baker, Minnie Wallace, Daisie Wallace, Charles Sorrell, John Florence, Robert Lanon, Willie Thornton, Hannah Baker, Ella Honesty; Maggie Simpson and Martha A. Crabb paid 15 cents each; Amelia Nixon paid 50 cents.—Total $37 55.

Homestead, Pa.,—A. Smothers, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: T. Clark, Jas. Berkit, Alice Clark, Annie Thorn, Elizabeth Jackson, Malissa Bryan, Mollie Lip-

scomb, Thomas Jackson, Emma Berkit, B. F. Scott, Cora Johnston, Haddie Berkit; Mary Jackson and Jordan Burrell each paid 50 cents; Florence Jackson and Bertie Jackson each paid 5 cents. Total $13 10

Braddock, Pa.

The following persons paid $1 each: G. Walker, Martha Joins, Wm. M. Davis, Mary Bond, A. Yates, T. J. Simmons, Hardy Anderson, Ida Lee, C. H. Arnold, Louisa Irvine, Robert Thompson, Annie Thompson, Lemuel Walker, Ora Anderson; the following paid 50 cts: Melissa Simmons, Sarah Clark, Annie Jackson, Amy M. Florence, Mary Yates; Amy Carter and Maggie McFarland paid 75 cents each; Annie McFarland gave 25 cents.—Total $18 25. Grand total $31 35.

Charleston, West Va., Station Mission—M. S. Jones Pastor.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Jemima Johnson, Cornelia White, Susan Bayburn, John White, Peter Jeffries, Chas. Bayburn, Nancy Pensh.

New Haven Circuit—Taylor Conner Pastor.

The following paid $1 each: S. T. McFall, William Colman, Enos Fox, John Richardson, Jesse McDonnell, Wm. Cager, Johnson Fox, Nick Scott, Mary A. White, Leuvenia Colman, Tinnie Fox, Catherine Jackson, Francis Richardson, Louisa Hughes, Eliza McDonald, Sarah Mossett, Phoebe Jackson, Hattie Wallace, Catherine Cupton, Eliza Ross, Lydia German, Mary Gordon; Annie Fox paid 75 cents; the following paid 50 cents each: Josie Lancaster, Mollie Asbury, Charles Asbury, — Barker, Lizzie Jones, Sadie Betters; Ross Mills, and Mary Rowbottom 30 cents each; Buela Tobin and Ellen Williams 25 cents each; cash 61 cents. Total, $29 61.

Greensburg, Pa.

The following persons paid $1 each: John Munsey, Lee Little, Albert Butler, Emory Stokes, Vincent Stokes, Charles Stokes, Frank Cheeks, William Washington, Francis Layton, Rachel Stokes, Mary Stokes, Mary Washington, Harriet Webster.—Total $13 00. Grand Total, $42 61.

Copeland A. M. E. Church, Bradford—W. *H. Pride Pastor*

The following persons paid $1 each: O. J. Taylor, C. B. Draper, J. B. Rutherford, A. V. Bladen, E. J. Pride, E. Blackwell, A. B. Turner, S. A. Lucas, J. K. Allen, Sarah Ruley, Dirella Thompson, A. H. Smith, W. D. Lucas, Aaron Bladen, G. B. Brown, H. Smith, R. M. Brown, H. Taylor, Martha Butler, Hattie Pride; Buelah Draper paid 75 cents; the following paid 50 cents each: Clara Harris, Fox Draper; Burr Harris, 25 cents.—Total $23 00. No. of members, 20.

Caperton, West Virginia., sent $2.50.

Guyandotte Circuit, Wyoming Co.

John McDonald and Rolen McDonald each paid fifty cents. Lotta McDonald paid twenty-five cents. Josie McDonald, Jane McDonald, Prince MDonald, each paid ten cents. Elizabeth McDonald paid five cents. Sarah McDonald and Minta McDonald paid two cents each. Carla McDonald, Lula McDonaid and Riley McDonald paid one cent each.

Boone County.

The following persons paid one dollar each : Reuben Banks, Milton Smoot, Wade Perry, James Smith.

Milton Mission,—H. G. Thomas, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each : Edward Carter, Grace Marshall, John Bond, Emma Collins, Alice Bond, Geo. Hecter. Geo. Henry, Andrew Henry, Wm. Marsh, Sister Johnson. The fol lowing paid fifty cents each : Mancy A. Jones, Julia Henry, W. H. Collins.

Muncy.

Rebecca Reed, Susan Kennedy, Jane Webster, paid one dollar each. John Webster, Colman Webster, twenty-five cents each.

Bedford and Everett, Pa.,—Rev. H. Johnson, Pastor.

George W. Bell, Jane Johnson, Katie Crowly, Susan Bush, Lillie Barks, Joseph N. Bruce, Harriet Parker, Susan Miller, Louisa Washington, Nancy Walkins; the following gave 50 cents each: Maggie Brown, Rosa Parker, Florence Marshall, Mry E. Banks, Lida Watkine, James Wagner, Ellen Wagner, Mary L. Bell, Preston Stewart, Mary Stewart, Julia Warren; Emma Stewart, Samuel Johnson, Jane Slaughters, Minnie Brown, Stella Watkins paid 25 cents; Nellie Brown, Ettie Brown and Ida Stewart paid 10 cents each. Total, $17 05.

Waynesburg, Pa.—Rev. Andrew Bruce, Pastor

The following persons gave $1 each: Katie Bruer, Margaret Redman, Catherine Workman, E. O. Ferrell; Amanda Davison, gave 75 cents; the following persons gave 50 cents each: Anna Johnson, Edith Workman, Catherine Manly, Levi Hansbury, Lydia Suttles, W. W. Coston, Martha E. Ferrell; the following gave 25 cents each: Wilk Manly, Retter Manly, Hattie B. Manly, John Turner, Edward Jackson, Mattie E. Lacy, Anna Bruce, M. E. Bickey, Maggie Carter, Susan A. Bruce, C. S. Hickey, Elizabeth Hickey, John M. Lindsay.

New Brighton, Pa.—Cornelius Asbury Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: Daniel Sims, Eliza Johnson, Mary C. Leland, Margaret Washington, Lydia Early, Julius Burke, Harrison Dawson, James Burien, Elizabeth Dawson, Amelia Jackson, Annie Leland, James M. Webster, Lina Webster, Annie Webb, Lucy Jacksou, Sadie Kisner, Edward Williams, Thomas H. Smith, Samuel Stewart, — Williams, Lottie Burien, Emma Lee, Viney Stewart, Jno. Burien, Maggie McClung, Alfred Jackson, Mary Sims, — Anderson; John Hollin, J. H. Johnson, Sarah Johnson and Moriah Matthews each paid 50 cents.

Sewickley—J. W. Jeffries, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: L. A. Morrison, William Williams, Mary E. Williams, Kate Williams, Lucinda Anderson, Wm. Anderson, Sadie Dungee, Ellen Costly, Emma Cox, Amy Jackson, Eliza Jones. O. Merriman, Mary Dickerson; J. D. Cox, E. A. Jeffries and Bessie Bell each paid 50 cents; Virginia Jeffries gave 25 cents. Total, $14 75.

Bridgewater.

The following persons paid $1 each: Sidney Freeman, William H. Lee, David Simpson, J. N. Carter, Lewis Ash, Clara Ash, J. W. Butler, F. B. Overby, A. W. Tanner, Nelson Scroggins, Ruth Patterson, Ruth Webster, Katie Boice, Katie Harris, Elizabeth Simpson, Lucy Tanner, Martha Lee, Katie Ford, Mary M. Bradly; the following paid 50 cents each: Chas. Ash, Thornten Viney, Emma Tee, Nellie Scroggins, Bertha Evens, Dot Redman, Maria Ash, Wm. Butler; the following persons paid 25 cents each: Minnie Tanner, Chauncy Viney, Hattie E. Butler, Marcella P. Butler, Clara Ford; Frankie Evens five cents.—Total, $25 05. Grand total, $39 80.

Scranton, Pa.,—Richavd Tanner, Pastor.

The following persons have paid $1 each: C. Huff, F. Lilly. M. Jones. T. Williams, L. Dorsey, G. W. Brown, Harry Sampeson, L. Morten, John Howard, John Dorsey, — Ashum, — Patton, — Nelson, — Fisher, A. Alsop. The following paid 50 cents: — Miller, B. Williams, C. Scott, A. Pattison, S. King, A. Patterson, — Steward, B. Wilson, Marshall, Howard, Crutchfield, R. Jackson, P. Jackson, S. Beck, G. Huff. The following paid 25 cents: Messrs. Pickney, W. Brown, Simpson, Saunders, E. Huff, Tuckor.

Phillipsburg Circuit, O. T. Davis, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: E. Only, Louisa Brown, E. Carter, K. Jackson, Mary Dillion, Daniel McClellan ; those paying 50 cents were E. Only, Bell Nernon, C. Clark, S. Pollard; those paying 25 cents were C. Carter, William Brown, Nancy McClellan, Hezekiah Jackson.

Tyrone.

The following members paid $1 each: A. P. Lancaster, S. Lancaster, A. T. Davis A. B. Plondon E. Beams ; S. Thomas, K. Jones and Nancy Plonden, paid 50 cents each; those paying 25 cents are, A. Hunter, N. Arms, J. Nukard, S. Hunter.

Simmonsville.

The following persons paid $1 each: S. S. Taylor, Hattie Taylor, Letitia Jones, Annie Jones, Delia Johnson, D. Bryant, John Ranks, Susan Carle ; Sarah Braxton paid 50 cents ; Warren Taylor 10 cents.

Total,.....$25 10

Uniontown—Re . Carter Wright, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: Mahulda Oaks, Rachel Diggins, Mary Betters, Louisa Shepherdson, Rosa St. Clair, Alex. Belt, Eliza Moxley, E. J. Scott, Mary A. Curry, John Epps, Minerva Jenkins, A. Henry, Belle Blue, Hutton Skinner, Henry Bolden, Fannie Brooks, A. L. Coleman, Ellen Frohman, Annie V. Grant, Josephine Hackney, Emma Henderson, Emma Campbell, C. A. Jenkins, Emily Grant, H. H. Scott, Sarah J. Black, D. F. Baxter, John Hunt, Melinda Jackson, E.J. Scott, Edward Skinner ; the following named persons paid 50 cents each: Ellis Robinson, P. C. Barter, W. V. Barter, Mary E. Moxley, Emily Bolden, Ida Douglass, Francis Dix, Kesiah Jackson, E. K. Catline; Eli M. Curry, Elizabeth Ditcher, Sarah Jackson, Nimrod McClure ; the following paid 25 cents each : Mary J. Carter, Margaret Burgess, Sallie Curry, Fielding Walker, Sallie Walker, Eli Fraley, Elizabeth Fraley.

West Newton.—E. Waldon, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each : Lewis Fisher, Alice Humbert, R. H. Logan, K. V. Logan, Vatchel Cather, James E. Butler, Brass Clark, Lewis &ray, Charles Wares, Penny Griffin, Lizzie Robinson. The following paid 50 cents each : H. C. Brown, Mary A, Fisher, Mary P. Bibby, Ada Swan, David Durette, Braden Bibby, Olivia Durette, Jennie Scott, Henrietta Dixon, Oliver Simpson, M. L. Morton, H. B. Dixon, B. Green, George Washington ; the following paid 25 cents each : M. E. Catlin, Annie Bowman, Rosa Catlin.

McKeesport—A. E. Waldon Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 each: Adam Golden, James Pipens, Samuel Spriggs, William Christian, Logania Christian, Hester A. Harris, Charles D. Mackrel, Mary E. Settlers, Sheard Christian, Thos. White, Floyd Miller, Frank Derry, Robert Harris, Charles Johnson.

The following paid 50 cents each : Celia Young, Millie Parrish, Jas. D. Laney, William Carr, Emma Hall ; Peter Marshell paid 75 cents. Taylor Lewis, Sarah Hackett, Robert Sales. Adam Alexander, Sam'l Southall paid 25 cents each.

RESOLUTIONS OF BISHOP PAYNE.

To the Presiding Bishop :

And Members of the Pittsburg Conference :

I have drawn up with my own hand the following Resolutions, for fear no one else would think of doing so, or else they would be *afraid* to do so :

Resolved, That the Pittsburg Conference will henceforth always send the money belonging to widows of deceased Preachers and Superanuated Ministers by Post Office Order, so as to prevent any dishonest person from embezzling the sacred aid sent them.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Custodian of that money, *if he does not know the address* of the widow, orphan or superanuated minister, to *seek out the address*, and find them!

Resolved, That we never put it in the power of any Treasurer to defend himself, by saying, that he "did not know the address of the widow or the pastor, or where they lived ;" because it is his duty to seek out that widow, that orphan, or that superanuated minister. This will be carrying out the spirit of the teaching of St. James, the 1st chapter and 22d verse, wherein he says : "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, *to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction*, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

The teaching of this is that we are not to wait for the widow and fatherless to seek us for their assistance ; but it is for *us to seek them out* until we find them, and visit them. Isaiah says, "Seek judgment, search it out, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, and plead for the widow."

Resolved, That it is our belief that the man who is animated by the teachings of St. James and Isaiah will not put the widow's money in the bank, when it ought to be put in her own pocket, to relieve her wants, either in health or in sickness.

Daniel A. Payne.

TABLE A—FINANCE.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollars to Missionary	Pastor's supplement	Presiding Elder	conference	Bible and Tract	Missionary Purposes	Church Purposes	Education Purposes	Building & Repairing	For all Purposes
Wylie Avenue	D. S. Bently	$162 75	$1228 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$5 00	$119 20	$ 179 32	$ 102 25	$ 723 94	$3251 55
Brown Chapel	I. N. Ross	119 50	1000 00	...	1 50	1 00	55 95	90 00	57 20	1813 40	3675 40
Washington	W. H. Brown	21 50	650 00	25	1 00	1 00	16 41	5 00	28 08	170 00	923 99
Williamsport	B. Wheeler	73 50	729 00		78 30	....	30 25	38 58	30 65	1217 70	2244 68
Cannonsburg	G. C. Sampson	70 45	600 00	20 99	2 50	2 00	57 60	58 73	64 06	204 00	1168 76
Brownsville	G. G. Skinner	38 05	500 00	.....	1 25	1 25	9 40	9 20	14 35	444 12	991 72
West Newton	A. E. Waldon	40 25	662 90	13 85	1 00	1 00	12 03	7 80	19 89	191 00	1042 61
Wilkesbarre	S. C. Goosley	10 00	423 37	80	1 00	.....	2 67	15 00	3 86	360 55	.....
Uniontown	Carter Wright	41 00	628 66	7 00	2 00	3 15	25 40	18 35	51 00	294 05	1255 98
East End	J. H. Morris	86 85	900 00	.....	2 00	1 00	35 00	60 00	35 00	805 85	1924 85
Monongahela	F. D. Denny	13 60	353 00	7 57		.....	.....	.....	.....	168 00	822 00
Bradford	W. H. Pride	23 00	300 00	22 65	1 25	1 00	12 28	1 05	4 49	306 20	765 83
Meadville	S. C. Honesty	25 00	325 00	5 00	50	50	10 00	32 00	8 00	103 00	576 31
Allegheny, Chart'rs St	R. C. Ransom	33 00	700 00	.....	60	90	13 00	64 22	16 75	2268 54	2215 66
New Brighton	C. Asbury	31 00	700 00	23 42	1 00	1 00	12 00	8 00	25 00	204 50	1005 92
Bellefonte	C. H. Brown	54 35	530 00	4 00	1 50	50	10 00	.....	25 40	25 00	659 25
Oil City	W. S. Lowry	63 25	800 00	.....	1 00	1 00	34 37	25 00	26 73	200 00	1151 35
Elizabeth	R. H. Morris	61 21	600 50	5 00	1 40	75	16 00	40 10	9 00	175 72	912 07
Waverly	D. J. Johnson	15 45	144 65	3 25	25	...	1 25	.....	.....	100 00	134 00
Bloomsburgh	Jas. W. Lavatt	3 00	25 25	....	50	.....	.....	16	.....	20	29 11
Altoona	I. B. Till	24 50	274 60	2 50	50	.....	5 00	.....	4 50	204 64	514 45
Connelsville	J. J. Norris	42 61	550 75	11 24	2 00	3 91	10 40	9 00	28 02	394 70	1049 46
Waynesburg	S. H. Lacy	12 00	95 70	4 45	50	1 50	60	1 05	.....	168 00	216 70
Lewistown	J. W. Williams	13 00	300 00	8 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksburg	J. W. Amis	16 10	152 50	25 00	50	50	3 04	30 62	3 45	109 90	345 00
California	David Lewis	14 25	220 00	4 00	1 00	50	2 00	.....	2 00	40 00	282 75
Scranton	R. Tanner	25 50	500 00	.....	1 00	50	3 50	.....	3 00	18 00	.....
Franklin	R. M. Henderson	12 50	300 00	17 50	67	1 00	.....	19 36	...	1180 73	1771 25
Phillipsburg	O. T. Davis	25 10	247 07	5 15	50	67	4 00	.....	12 42	50 68	406 12
Parkersburg	C. N. Woodson	26 00	189 00	24 30	1 00	75	2 10	3 00	15 49	401 28	621 23
South Side	W. H. Palmer	36 50	550 00	8 90	1 50	1 00	5 40	24 00	14 00	465 00	1009 70
Bedford	H. Johnson	17 05	251 00	3 44	50	1 00	3 42	33	4 00	42 00	326 25
McKeesport	A. E. Walden			...	....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Middletown	J. W. Riley	11 00	115 08	8 02	45	..	10 00	...	2 25	35 50	194 66
Milton Mission	H. G. Thomas	14 50	214 75	11 06	26	55	13 00	12 00	6 00	200 00	472 01
Erie	R. Brown	21 00	510 85	15 75	1 00	25	9 73	1 00	5 50	57 27	698 57
McDonald	S. Christian	5 00	97 16	10 00	.....	69	. . .	3 03	....	536 00	651 19
Wheeling	W. N. Young	16 00	444 00	30 30	50	.....	14 10	4 00	5 00	109 45	685 36
Homestead	A. Smothers	31 35	458 50	3 50	50	52	2 50	8 00	2 05	365 70	985 38
Bridgewater	J. W. Jeffries	39 55	692 96	20 40	47	50	10 26	7 85	18 45	785 65	1489 63
Burgetstown	Cyrus Brown	4 25	100 00	18 32	25	35	1 00	5 06	...	177 63	.....
Charleston	M. S. Jones		56 00	12 00	11	15	2 04	50	4 80	21 90	.....
Monongahela	W. H. Walker	2 50	51 54	20 95			8 05			.....	80 54
New River		4 20		15 45			1 17			18 42	23 37

TABLE B—STATISTICAL.

Charges.	Pastors.	How on pr Ap'nt	Numl of Mem	Prob	Lo Prea	Exhc	Chur	Va	Inde nt	Sch Hc	Va	Par	Vi
Wylie Avenue	D. S. Bently	3	471	21	4	...	1	$110,000 00	$ 27,500 00	1			
Brown Chapel	I. N. Ross	1	400	8	2	....	1	30,000 00	2,800 00	...			
Washington	W. H. Brown	1	60	1	2	...	1	10,000 00	3,500 00	.....			
Williamsport	B. Wheeler	3	151	16	1	..	1	15,000 00	1,569 20	...			
Cannonsburg	G. C. Sampson	3	167	9	1	.	1	4,500 00	.....			1	1,500 00
Brownsville	G. G. Skinner	2	141	....	....	1	1	3,000 00	436 86	.....			
West Newton	A. E. Waldon	2	67	11	....	....	2	.....	417 50	.....			
Wilkesbarre	S. C. Goosley	1	46	11	1	1	1	3,000 00	915 00	.....		1	2,000 00
Uniontown	Carter Wright	1	125	4	2	....	1	3,000 00	.....	.....			
East End	J. H. Morris	1	130	4	2	1	1	8,000 00	.....	.....			
Monongahela	F. D. Denny	1	56	1	2	1	1	8,500 00	4,230 80	.....			
Bradford	W. H. Pride	2	20	1	....	..	1	1,700 00	39 00	.....			
Meadville	S. C. Honesty	¾	52	1	....	....	1	4,000 00	125 00	.....			
Allegheny, Chart'rsSt	R. C. Ransom	2	53	5	1	..	1	5,000 00	3,474 00	.....		1	600 00
New Brighton	C. Asbury	1	40	10	1	....	1	3,000 00	100 00	.....			
Bellefonte	C. H Brown	3	92	10	3	...	2	1,600 00	14 00	.....			
Oil City	W. S. Lowry	1	110	5	3	..	2	10,000 00	.....	.....		1	1,500 00
Elizabeth	R. H. Morris	3	85	3	2	...	2	3,800 00	.....	.....		1	500 00
Waverly	D. J. Johnson	¾	27	2	1	....	2	1,900 00	86 95	.....			
Bloomsburgh	Jas. W. Lavatt	6 w	18	11	1	....	2	500 00	46 00	.....			
Altoona	I. B. Till	2	30	3		...	1	2,500 00	203 21	.....			
Connelsville	J. J. Norris	3	50	6	1	1	2	3,000 00	70 00	1		1	
Waynesburg	S. H. Lacy	....	25	2	2	....	1	3,000 00	29 00	.....			
Lewistown	J. W. Williams	½	20	6	2	..	2	....	3 85	1			
Clarksburg	J. W. Amis	¾	43	1	1	....	1	1,000 00	.....	.....			
California	David Lewis	1	52	8	2	...	1	1,000 00	4 00	.....			
Scranton	R. Tanner	1	27	..	1	....	1	900 00	50 00	.....		1	3,000 00
Franklin	R. M. Henderson	2	23	1	....	....	1	3,000 00	13 00	.....			
Phillipsburg	O. T. Davis	2	28	3	....	...	1	350 00	25 00	.....			
Parkersburg	C. N. Woodson	1	34	2	2	...	1	5,000 00	25 25	.....		1	500 00
South Side	W. H. Palmer	4	52	4	1	1	1	.....	210 00	.....			
Bedford	H. Johnson	2	32	2	1	...	1	1,100 00	201 00	.....			
McKeesport	A. E. Walden	...	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....			
West Middletown	J. W. Riley	2	33	1	1	....	1	200 00	.....	.....			
Milton Mission	H. G. Thomas	1	22	5	1	1	2	2,300 00	300 00	.....		1	100 00
Erie	R. Brown	2	26	1	....	....	1	3,000 00	431 47	.....			
McDonald	S. Christian	1	8	....	1	....	1	900 00	800 00	....		1	200 00
Wheeling	W. N. Young	½	30	1	1	1	1	5,000 00	1,500 00	... ..			
Homestead	A. Smothers	1	48	6	4	2	2	1,700 00	250 00	.....			
Bridgewater	J. W. Jeffries	1	52	6	2	.	2	2,200 00	525 00	.....			
Burgetstown	Cyrus Brown	1	14	9		....	....	....	....	. ..			
Charleston	M. S. Jones	¼	5	1		....	....	....	....	.....			
Monongahela	W. H. Walker		27	4		...	1	300 00	51 00	.. ...			
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TABLE C—Sundry Schools.

Charges.	Pastors.	S. schools	Number of Teachers	Officers	Pupils	Converts	Books in Library	Educational Purposes	Missionary societies	Collections in schools	For other Purposes	Paid for Missions	Miss'ns unpaid	Total Collected	Mite Missionary societies
Wylie Avenue	D. S. Bently	1	25	7	298	..	475	$ 55 75	2	$119 32	$	21 00	13 00	$ 153 32	91 00
Brown Chapel	I. N. Ross	1	20	7	187	75	419	27 00	2	383 00	1 00	48 00	2 05	483 15	
Washington	W. H. Brown	1	4	4	60	...	200	21 00	1	35 02	.....	6 00	6 00	45	
Williamsport	B. Wheeler	1	16	7	112	19	200	23 50	1	70 30	17 00	8 65	5 65		
Cannonsburg	G. C. Sampson	1	6	7	198	2	350	47 50	1	48 72	.....	32 61	5 00	151 22	12 46
Brownsville	G. G. Skinner	1	10	5	90	1	80	6 00	1	12 07	.....	9 49	8 78	36 34	
West Newton	A. E. Waldon	2	6	7	.....	1	.....	2 50	1	.....	....	1 90	8 04	82 55	10 30
Wilkesbarre	S. C. Goosley	1	12	12	102	....	450	2 60	1	24 75	20 50	.....	8 60	55 50	
Uniontown	Carter Wright	1	4	8	80	..	225	25 56	1	26 30	.....	13 34	8 00	72 20	2 72
East End	J. H. Morris	1	6	4	75	30	200	26 00	1	50 00	50 00	. .	18 43		8 00
Monongahela	F. D. Denny	1	5	8	83	1	115	6 00	....	51 37	5 70	4 00		67 97	
Bradford	W. H. Pride	1	4	5	20	3	125	14 54	1	19 37	.....	.....	2 00	47 17	
Meadville	S. C. Honesty	1	7	7	65	1	450	6 35	1	48 63	6 53	2 48	5 57	13 21	4 47
Allegheny, Chart'rsSt	R. C. Ransom	1	5	5	45	11	59	16 75	2	30 79	5 00	13 00	3 60	69 14	
New Brighton	C. Asbury	2	5	6	60	19	200	13 00	1	20 00	.....	12 00	5 00	51 00	
Bellefonte	C. H. Brown	2	14	13	100	29	200	25 40	2	45 00	..	13 71	12 00	98 11	
Oil City	W. S. Lowry	1	14	8	150	10	400	10 00	1	30 00	5 00	16 00	9 45	68 45	
Elizabeth	R. H. Morris	2	10	12	65	3	387	10 60	2	75 00	.....	25 97	4 30	112 53	6 10
Waverly	D. J. Johnson	2	2	3	10	2	175	.....	....	2 20	...	. ..		2 30	
Bloomsburgh	Jas. W. Lavatt	2	6	....		....	.....	....	..	23 00	.....	....			
Altoona	I. B. Till	1	5	7	35	3	500	.... ..	1	108 25	.....	2 00	6 00		
Connelsville	J. J. Norris	2	7	9	60	5	250	9 00	2	40 00	.....	5 00	13 80	96 57	
Waynesburg	S. H. Lacy	1	5	5	30	....	252	14 00	1	1 50	3 75	1 52	1 50	8 27	
Lewistown	J. W. Williams	2	12	10	70	1	100	.....	2	.....	...	2 61	4 54		
Clarksburg	J. W. Amis	1	4	2	25	17	30	50	..	.....	.....	1 95	3 70	11 45	
California	David Lewis	2	8	6	25	16	120	.. ..	1	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	8 00	
Scranton	R. Tanner	1	6	4	35	4	200	1 14	1	39 00	....	10 00	5 50		
Franklin	R. M. Henderson	1	8	5	47	1	40	10 50	....	55 10	50 00	1 41	2 50	119 91	67 00
Phillipsburg	O. T. Davis	3	8	15	86	3	300	12 42	2	4 00	...	4 00	8 92	44 63	
Parkersburg	C. N. Woodson	1	4	7	30	..	101	.....	...	47 09	.....	1 05	5 00	47 50	
South Side	W. H. Palmer	1	4	4	52	1	75	7 00	2	20 00	11 00	4 00	5 20	50 50	
Bedford	H. Johnson	2	3	7	33	27	218	6 63	2	8 15	....	2 08	2 14	16 72	
McKeesport	A. E. Walden	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....			
West Middletown	J. W. Riley	1	5	3	40	....	300	.....	1	6 00	45	10 01	5 35	21 81	
Milton Mission	H. G. Thomas	2	8	12	75	15	252	3 40	1	34 10	.....	.. ...	8 00	46 81	
Erie	R. Brown	1	6	7	41	...	136	.....	1	28 42	35 00	7 43	2 38	38 23	2 20
McDonald	S. Christian	1	3	5	36	....	...	.....	....	8 00	.....	.....		8 00	
Wheeling	W. N. Young	1	4	8	40	...	....	5 00	2	41 20	. ..	10 10	5 00	61 30	35
Homestead	A. Smothers	2	7	8	38	16	160	8 04	2	87 28	.....	5 70	5 50	108 52	5 50
Bridgewater	J. W. Jeffries	2	7	5	44	36	240	.....	....	23 75			5 47	33 74	13 57
Burgetstown	Cyrus Brown	1	3	3	14	...	.....	.....	1	3 00	. ..				
Charleston	M. S. Jones	1	2	2	23	....	.....	25	....	1 50	.....		50	2 25	
Monongahela	W. H. Walker	2	4	4	28	...	.....	... ..	...	. .....	.....				

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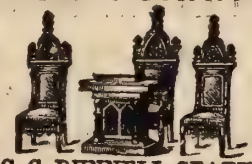

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ALLEGHENY CITY, PA.

The twenty fourth session of the Pittsburgh Conference of the A. M. E Church assembled in Brown's Chapel Church, corner of Boyle and Hemlock Streets, Allegheny City, Pa. at 9 a. m.

Bishop Daniel A, Payne, of the third Episcopal District, presiding, assisted by Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, bishop of the seventh Episcopal District The Conference was called to order by Bishop Arnett, who announced the first hymn, "And are we yet alive." The Bishop led the Conference in an earnest prayer, thanking God for the lives of the brethren and the prosperity of the country. He also thanked God for having our dear Bishop, Daniel A. Payne with us at this session of the Conference. The Bishop read the Ritual, to which the brethren of the Conference earnestly responded after which "Try us, O God, and search the Ground" was sung.

Rev. B. Wheeler led in prayer, thanking God for the success of the brethren during the past year, and prayed for the blessings of God upon the Bishops and Conference, after which "In The Cleft, O Rock of Ages" was sung

Bishop Payne arose and said that there had been several men who were conquerors of the earth. He said he would now talk of the conquerors of the earth. He referred the brethren of the Conference to the 7th Chapter of Daniel, 13th. 14th, 18th. and 27th verses. He said that Daniel had two experiences, one was a dream, and the other was a vision. He gave the Conference a lesson of rich instructions He said a man does not dream when in good health, but a vision is from a high spiritual manifestation of God. The Bishop gave his grand interpretation upon the lesson. The foundation of the first empire was laid by Nimrod, the grandson of Ham. He was the father of Belshazzar, and said that Belshazzar was more fond of himself than any one else. He gave the Conference a rare treat upon the interpretation of Daniel's vision, after which the Conference joined in singing "When Jesus Comes to Reward His Servants."

Bishop Arnett then called for the Conference roll.

Rev. R. H. Morris, the Assistant Secretary of last year called the roll.

After the roll was called Rev. W. H. Brown arose and said that Rev. S C. Goosely had withdrawn from the connection.

Bishop Payne called the attention of the Conference to the case of Rev S. C. Goosely and said for the brethren to keep their eyes upon such men, for we have several of them.

On motion of Rev. D. S. Bentley, that the name of Rev S. C. Goosely be dropped from the roll, he having withdrawn irregularly. Carried.

The business of electing secretaries was then taken up.

On motion of Rev. W. H. Brown that Rev R H. Morris be elected Secretary, Carried.

On motion by Rev. D. S. Bentley that Rev. W. H Palmer be the Recording Secretary. Carried.

On motion that Rev C. H. Brown be the Statistical Secretary. Carried.

On motion that Revs. H. G. Thomas and Sandy Christian be the marshalls of the Conference. Carried.

By motion the bar of the Conference was extended to the fourth seat.

The Bishop announced the following committees:

On State of the Church and Country—Cornelius Asbury, S. H. Lacy and Charles A. McGee.

On Sunday Schools—Richard Tanner, Robert M. Henderson. Charles H. Brown

On Education—J. M. Morris, Hartley G. Thomas, Samuel C. Honesty, A. E. Walden, R. H. Morris.

On Bible Cause—Ishmael B. Till, Alexander Smothers, S. T. Jones.

On Temperance—I. N. Ross, Sandy Christian, Richard Brown, John W. Riley, C. Wright.

On Missions—Walter S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson, J. W. Lavatt.

On Admissions—George C. Sampson' Ishmael B. Till, George G. Skinner, Isaac N. Ross, J. W. Riley,

On First and Second Year's Studies—Benjamin Wheeler, Wm. H. Palmer, W. H. Brown.

On Third and Fourth Year's Studies—Cornelius Asbury, Walter S. Lowry, Richard Tanner, Daniel S Bentley, R. H. Morris.

Rev. T. D. Scott was elected Reporter for the Christian Recorder.

Bishop Payne appointed the following brethren on the Finance Committee: W. H. Brown, D. S. Bentley, I. N. Ross, G. C. Sampson, J. W. Riley, R. Tanner, and C. Asbury. Also Committee on Public Worship, I. N. Ross, W. H. Brown, D. S. Bentley, G. C. Sampson, and C. Asbury

Rev. R. S. Smith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Manchester, Pa., was introduced to the Bishop and conference and was given a seat within the bar of the conference.

The reports of the pastors was called for by the Bishop.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT—Rev D. S Bentley, P. E.

Wylie Avenue, Rev. C. Asbury was given until Monday to prepare his report. East Liberty, G C. Sampson was given the same time. Braddock, A Smothers was absent. New Haven, J. J. Norris reported.

Rev. Boyden of the Presbyterian church was introduce to the Bishop and conference and given a seat within the bar,

Altoona, R. M. Henderson reported. Phillipsburg, O. T. Davis absent. Williamsport, B. Wheeler reported. Huntingdon, J. W. Williams, absent. Wilkesbarre, I. B Till, reported, Scranton, R, Tanner, not reported. Waverly, C. N. Woodson reported. Bloomsburg, J. H Artope, reported. Milton, H. G. Thomas, reported. Bellefounte, S. C. Honesty, reported. McDonald, S. Christian, reported. Greensburg, T. J. Simmons, reported. Tyrone, Charles Garner, reported.

Rev. Richards was introduced to the conference and seated within the bar.

Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary of the Sunday School Union was intro

duced to the conference. He spoke and said that it was his first visit to the Pittsburgh Conference, as Secretary of the Sunday School Union. He congratulated the Pittsburg Conference for doing its whole duty for the S. S. U. He said we are worth $30 000.00 in property, not on paper, but in facts and figures, we own it, and that forever. We are entirely out of debt and have a small amount in bank. He said our lesson helps are sent all over the country, even to Africa.

Rev. G. W. Clinton of the A. M. E. Zion Church, of Pittsburgh, was introduced to the conference, after which the conference adjourned by singing and Benediction by Dr. C. S. Smith

SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1891.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional services, Bishop Payne presiding, assisted by Bishop Arnett, Minutes of the morning session read and approved with necessary corrections. The report of the Pittsburgh District was continued. Scranton, Richard Tanner reported, Braddock, A. Smothers, reported. Phillipsburg, O T. Davis reported.

Revs. J. H. Watson, of the M. E. Church, and P. R. Anderson, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, were introduced to the Bishop and Conference, and given seats within the bar.

Allegheny District, Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E. Brown's Chapel, I. N. Ross reported. South Side (Pittsburgh), R. H. Morris, reported. Elizabeth, C. H. Brown, reported. West Newton, J. W. Riley reported. Monongahela City: W. H. Palmer reported and made a strong plea for the Conference to assist the church at Monongahela City. Manchester, J. W. Lavatt, reported.

Rev. W. H. Brown moved that the Conference brethren endorse the plan of Rev. W. H. Palmer. Carried.

Bridgewater circuit, J. W. Jeffries reported. New Brighton, A. E. Walden reported. California Mission, J. W. Jones being sick Elder W. H. Brown reported his work. Meadville, not reported, Erie, Richard Brown reported. Oil City, W. S. Lowry reported, Bradford, W. H. Pride reported. Franklin, S. H. Lacy reported, Brownsville, G. W. Webster reported. Uniontown, C Wright reported.

Wheeling District—C. A. McGee, P. E. Wheeling, W. Va., J. J. Jones reported. Washington, J. M. Morris reported. Cannonsburg, G. G. Skinner reported. Parkersburg, T. D. Scott reported.

Rev. J. M. Morris offered the following resolutions. (See Reso-

lutions.) On motion they were adopted.

Clarksburg, J. W. Amiss reported. Waynesburg, T A. J. West reported. West Middletown, W. N. Young reported, Burgettstown, C. Brown reported. Charleston, W. Va., P. A. Scott reported.

Committee on Public Worship made the following appointments to Sabbath: (See Report of Committee.)

Conference adjourned by singing, and benediction by W H. Brown, P. E

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened at 8 p. m. Religious services conducted by Rev. J. J. Norris. Hymn sung, "Jesus, The Name High Over All." Prayer by Rev. Norris, after which the choir sang "Glory To God In The Highest."

Bishop Arnett stated the object of the evening. He said that we wanted an old time camp-fire, for Methodism meant camp-fire all along the line. At the conclusion of the Bishop's remarks the choir sang another fine selection, to the delight of the Conference.

Rev. I. N. Ross delivered an address of Welcome to the Bishops, Conference, and visiting friends. He spoke words of greeting and cordial welcome. He said "To all, welcome to the city of parks, electric railways and churches, welcome to the homes of comfort." He seemed to be inspired with the old Methodist fire as he welcomed all to the homes of the city of Allegheny.

The choir sang a fine selection, after which the Bishop made some very interesting remarks. He said "God will not let any man select his ministers, but makes his own selections, and we are to throw out the life-lines for that is the business of the minister. The Bishop then introduced Rev. G. G. Skinner who responded to the address of welcome delivered by Rev. I. N. Ross. The response was well delivered, and appropriate to the occasion. After which the Bishop said that a few minutes would be spent in giving in testimony for Christ. It was a meeting of great earnestness and joy among the brethren.

Rev. W. H. Brown called for a contingent collection. Amount collected was $6 08.

The meeting then closed. Singing, and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1891

SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. D. S. Bentley,

P. E. Hymn sung, "Talk with us, Lord, Thyself reveal." Prayer by Rev. Bentley. Bishop Payne presiding, assisted by Bishop Arnett.

Bishop Payne continued his comment on the 7th chapter of Daniel. He commenced by saying, "We have spoken of the four conquerors of the earth. We come now to THE Conqueror. He was a perfect man as well as a perfect God. The son of man, the eternal Father endowed Him The Conqueror. He had dominion that was power to enact laws as well as to execute them. His kingdom is in the Church of God. It was a lesson of deep instructions to the brethren of the Conference.

The minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions of the previous day were read and approved with the necessary corrections.

On motion by Rev. G. C. Sampson that Monday at 11 o'clock be set apart to elect delegates to the General Conference. Carried.

Huntingdon, J. W. Williams made his report. Disciplinary questions were taken up by the Bishop.

Question 13—What preachers admitted on trial?

Answer—Timothy D. Scott, Price A. Scott, J. W. Amiss, J. H. Artope and J. W. Sanders.

14th—Who remain on trial? J. J. Jones, M. S. Jones and T. A. J. West.

15th—Who are admitted or re-admitted into full connection? Ans.—H. G. Thomas, C N. Woodson, H. Johnson, J. W. Williams, Sandy Christian and W. N. Young.

16th—Who are the Deacons? Ans – O. T Davis, J. W. Jeffries, Timothy D. Scott, Price A. Scott, Joseph H. Artope. LOCAL DEACONS, S. Burrells, Charles Garner T, J. Simmons.

17th.—Who have been elected and ordained Deacons and Elders this year. Ans —DEACONS—T. D. Scott. P. A. Scott, J. H Artope. LOCAL DEACONS—S. Burrell, Charles Garner and T. J. Simmons. ELDERS—Wm. N. Young, H. G. Thomas, C. N. Woodson and H. Johnson.

18th—Who have located this year? Ans.—No one.

19th—Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal office in and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church? Ans.—Daniel A. Payne, Alexander W. Wayman, Jabez P. Campbell, Thomas M D Ward, John M. Brown, Henry M. Turner, Richard R. Disney, Wesley J. Gains, Benjamin T. Tanner, Benjamin W. Arnett and Abraham Grant.

Bishops Richard R. Disney and Jabez P. Campbell have died the past year.

20th—Who are the supernumerary preachers? Ans.—B. Morgan, M. S. Jones and J. W. Sander.

21. Who are the superanuated preachers? Ans. Elders W. G. Ralph and S. T. Jones.

22. Who have been expelled from the connection by this Conference? Ans. No one.

23. Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection? Ans. Rev S. C Goosely, informally.

24. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Ans. All except J. W Williams, J. M. Morris, W. H. Brown and J. H. Bell The mark of Rev. J. W. Williams was taken up. Rev. D. S. Bentley, P. E. marked Rev. J. W. Williams. J. H. Bell was marked by J. M. Morris. W. H. Brown and J. M. Morrris were marked by Bishop Payne.

Rev. D. S. Bentley stated that J W. Williams was late getting to Conference, and moved that his name be dropped from the roll. W. H. Brown moved that the motion of Rev. Bentley's be laid on the table. The motion was lost. Bishop Payne stated that the Conference was to blame for taking in men as old as J. W. Williams. He said when a brother fails three successive times he should be located. Rev. Bentley defended his motion, but his motion was lost, Rev. G. G. Skinner desired Rev. Bentley to explain why the name of J. W. Williams should be dropped.

Elder Bentley stated that Rev. Williams did not attend to his official business. He failed to hold the regular official meetings, and he said that he did not "care for no one, Bishop nor Elder." Rev. J. W. Williams stated that he had no one that could write, and that he had to do all the work the best way he could. His character passed. The Bishop said that if this Conference would not do its duty he would do his duty.

J. H. Bell was marked by J. M. Morris. The report of the committee on admissions was read and adopted by sections. (See Reports.)

The section relating to H. A. Grant was not adopted.

Rev. Taylor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Allegheny was introduced to the Bishop and Conference and given a seat within the bar.

Report of committee on First and Second years' studies was read by W. H. Palmer. The report was adopted by sections. (See Report.) Rev. Scott Jones was continued in first year's studies and Rev. John N. Carter failed to pass for admission.

Report of Committee on Third and Fourth Years' Studies was received and adopted. (See Report.)

Conference adjourned by singing. and benediction by Elder S. T. Jones.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, 3 P. M.

Conference opened by singing. The minutes of the morning session was read and on motion of Rev. Jeffries the minutes with correction stood approved. The unfinished business was called. The marks against Rev. Brown by Bishop Payne, Rev. Brown replied by reading the resolutions concerning the statements last year

that affected his feelings; say that they had never made any mistakes concerning widows' moneys. Bishop Payne called on the Conference to vote that the judgement of Elder W. H. Brown is superior to his judgment. If they thought so rise up and vote. Rev. Asbury said that he thought the matter could be equitably settled, stating that it would be right that we consider the matter. Remarks were made upon the subject by Revs. Bentley, Riley, Lowry, and Rev. J. M. Morris, who was also marked by the Bishop with the Rev. W. H. Brown The Bishop then arose and gave an explanation of why he sent the resolutions to the Conference. After his fatherly advice the Conference and brethren were more than pleased with it, and the marks against the Revs. Brown and Morris were erased.

Rev. Asbury offered a resolution. (See Resolutions.)

Rev. J. H. Bell's case was assigned to the New Haven Quarterly Conference. The Bishop said that the Rev. H. A. Grant could be used by the brethren. As he has been faithful two years the brethren could use him in their work.

Rev. B. H. Lee, of the North Ohio Conference was introduced to the Bishop and Conference. Also Dr. B. F. Lee, editor of the Christian Recorder, at Philadelphia.

25. What members of the Conference have died this year? Ans. Frederick D. Denny, Thomas H. Cyus, and David Lewis.

Twenty-sixth question was then taken up. Where are the preachers stationed this year? Ans. (See List of Appointments.)

27. Where shall our next Conference be held? Ans. Oil City.

Oil City was named by W. S. Lowry. Clarksburg, Wheeling and Washington were also named.

Washington received 20 votes.
Wheeling " None.
Clarksburg " 1 vote.
Oil City " 27 votes and was declared to be the place to hold the next Conference. The vote was made unanimous by the Conference.

Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E. of the Allegheny district made his report of his district. Rev. C. A. McGee, P. E. of the Wheeling District made his report. Rev. D. S. Bentley, P. E. not reported.

The brethren who were to be ordained were called forward.

DEACONS—Revs. S. Burrells, J. H. Artope, J. D Scott, Charles Garner, Price A. Scott, and Thomas J. Simmons.

ELDERS—Revs. W. N. Young, H. G Thomas, H. Johnson, and C. W. Woodson.

Conference adjourned by singing, and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES.

(AT BROWN'S CHAPEL.)

Conference services opened at 10:30 a. m. Bishop Arnett announced the hymn, page 257 "Lord, let Thy Presence Rest." Dr.

J. A Handy led in prayer. Scripture lesson read, Phillipians 2nd chapter by Dr. Handy. Ritual services by Bishop Arnett After which the choir sang "Cast Thy Burden on The Lord." Bishop Payne arose and announced his subject, Phillipians 2nd chapter and the 5th verse "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." The Bishop said his subject was "A Model for The Christian Ministry." He gave a grand and instructive discourse to the young men who were to be ordained deacons and elders. The fatherly advice which he gave will be long remembered.

He spoke of the humility of Christ. Said the speaker, "He humbled himself, even unto the death of the cross." He said that the Lord was always against pride, and to be proud was not commendable, "How can you commend that which God condemns?" said the good Bishop. He advised the young men to be obedient to those who may have authority over them. He dwelt at some length upon the use of tobacco and cigars. He said that these things destroyed the mind and physical powers; but have the mind of Christ.

The following young men were ordained deacon and elders,

Deacons—Timothy D. Scott, Joseph H. Artope, Price A. Scott, Charles Garner, T. J. Simmons, and S. Burrells.

Elders—William N. Young, H. Johnson, Hartly G. Thomas, and C. N. Woodson.

They were ordained in the presence of a large congregation, after which the Finance Committee took up a collection to the amount of $26,31.

The services closed by singing, and benediction by Bishop Payne

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES.

Mite Missionary Meeting.

Mite Missionary meeting services opened by Rev. C. Wright. Hymn sung, "Far as Thy Name is Known." Prayer by Rev. Wright. Bishop Arnett introduced Dr B. F. Lee, editor of the Christian Recorder, who delivered an interesting address on "Women in Christian Mission Fields" He spoke of Sister Amanda Smith as one of the greatest women of the world. He said that though she is black her eloquent discourses and songs of sweet melodies charmed the world. He spoke of other women who were doing great and noble work--of Rev. Frederick's wife and their little missionary boy, Mrs. Coppin and Mrs Bishop Campbell. He said "What we want to-day is to inspire the hearts of the people." He closed with an earnest appeal for a good Mite Missionary collection. Rev. W. H. Brown said that he wanted to come nearer home. He said that the one hundred dollars sent Rev. Fredericks was the means which kept him from abandoning the mission field and that one hundred dollars was from this district. Rev. Brown said the Church of God had elevated the women of our Church. He spoke of the work in his district controlled entirely by women. He said that in Bradford, Pa. the women were leaders, trustees, and everything and that it was a prosperous church. Rev. G. C. Sampson said that when our women consented to do anything that it would be done.

Rev. McGee made the best speech of the hour by simply putting down the first dollar for foreign work. A collection was then raised to the amount of $102.54.

Closed by singing, and benediction by Dr. J. A. Handy.

SUNDAY—EVENING SERVICES.

Services opened at 8 p. m. by Dr. J. A. Handy. Hymn sung, "Rejoice and sing; the Lord is king." Rev. B. H. Lee, of the North Ohio Conference led in prayer. Dr. Handy took for his text St. John xviii: 36. The speaker said, "Christ came into the world to reign until the world is brought back to God." He said that He rules the world in the interest of His saints. Thus the gospel is to go. The speaker warmed up in his subject and said that Peter in preaching the Gospel, three thousand were converted, and to-day untold millions are sending up praise and hallelujahs to the throne of God. The speaker would take flights of eloquence upward until his congregation would be at times transported with joy and admiration. It was a discourse of great power and spiritual light. He closed with the hearts of his congregation burning with joy. After which a collection was lifted to the amount of $26.16.

Singing, and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

September 28, 1891.

Conference opened with religious services conducted by Rev. S. H. Lacy. Hymn sung, "Jesus, the Lamb of God was slain." Prayer by Rev. Lacy. P. E. McGee reported $3.75 of dollar money from Reighly County, W. Va. and $5.00 from Boon County, W. Va.

First P. E Districts reports finished. East Liberty, Pittsburgh, G. C. Sampson made his report. Wylie Ave., Pittsburgh Dr. C. Asbury reported.

Second district finished reports. Brown's Chapel, Allegheny, I. N. Ross reported.

Rev. R. H. Morris asked the Bishop what was the proper way of making the P. E. assessments, by per membership or by churches. The Bishop replied that the District Conference would settle that matter.

New work was reported by W. H. Brown, P. E. of Second District. Duquesne reported by W. H Brown, P. E. On motion that the work and report be received Carried. See Report.

Rev. R. C. Ransom, of the North Ohio Conferenee, was introduced to the Conference.

Committee on Bible Cause reported. See Reports. After which the Bishop ordered the Marshalls to call the members of the Conference in, as the time had arrived to elect delegates to the General Conference. The Secretary was ordered to call the roll. The total of membership showed to be 58 members.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Handy and R. C. Ransom were elected Tellers, and Dr. B F. Lee, and Rev, Mitchell, Clerks.

First ballots resulted as follows: 26 votes to elect.

Rev. D. S. Bently,	24	votes.
" W. H. Brown,	33	"
" W. S. Lowry,	11	"
" I. N. Ross,	22	"
" J. M. Morris	11	"
" C. Asbury	22	"
" G. C. Sampson	2	"
" R. Brown	1	"
" I. B. Till	1	"
" G. G. Skinner	11	"
" J. J. Norris	1	"
" C. A. McGee	1	"

Rev. W H. Brown, receiving the required number of votes, was declared elected on first ballot, after which the Bishop ordered the second ballot to be cast. Following are the results:

Rev. D. S. Bently	18	"
" C. Asbury	28	"
" G. G. Skinner	9	"
" I. N. Ross	22	"
" W. S. Lowry	6	"
" J. W. Lavatt	1	"
" J. M. Morris	4	"
" R. Brown	1	"
" J. W. Riley	4	"

Rev. C. Asbury, receiving the required number of votes, was declared elected on second ballot. The Bishop then ordered the third ballot for the next delegate. The third ballot was taken with the following results:

Rev. Bently	18	votes.
" Ross	30	"
" Lowry	2	"
" Till	1	"
" Skinner	1	"
" Lavat	1	"

Rev. I. N. Ross was declared elected on third ballot as the third delegate.

On motion that the three persons receiving next highest number of votes should be the first Alternates, Rev. D. S. Bently elected First Alternate, Revs. G G Skinner and W. S. Lowry Second and Third Alternates The report of the electoral college was read, received and ordered spread upon the face of the minutes. See Report.

Conference adjourned by singing, Benediction by Dr. B. F. Lee.

To The Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference. Greeting:—This is to certify that the Electoral College of Lay Delegates met in the Wylie Ave. A. M. E. Church in the city of Pittsburg, on the eighth day of July, 1891 for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Conference to be held in the City of Philadelphia, in May, 1892. The following delegates were elected:

James H. Page, of Brown's Chapel, A. M. E. Church, Allegheny City, Pa, Robert Brady, of Wylie Ave. A, M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Penna,

Alternate Delegates: John Bruien, New Brighton, Pa., and Joseph H, Butler, Cannonsburg, Pa.

Respectfully yours,
James H. Page, Chairman
John W. Bruien, Secretary.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. W, H. Brown	33 votes.
" C, Asbury	28 "
" I. N. Ross	30 "

ALTERNATES

Rev, D, S. Bently	51 votes.
" G. G. Skinner	52 "
" W, S, Lowry	52 "

LAY DELEGATES,

J. H. Page
Robt Brady

ALTERNATES.

John Bruien.
J. H, Butler.

SECRETARIES OF ELECTION.

S. T. Mitchell.
B. F. Lee

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with singing "Am I a Soldier of The Cross." Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Revs, Snowden and Strothers of the A. M. E. Z, Church were introduced to the Bishop and Conference. Rev: D. S. Bently, P. E. of the First District, made his report. A committee was appointed on circuits and stations, W H, Brown, D, S, Bently and C. A, McGee,

The Bishop appointed the Committee on Memorials, Dr, B, F. Lee, G. G, Skinner, and J. J, Norris.

Rev. G Thompson, of the Theological Seminary, was introduced to the Bishop and Conference and given a seat within the bar of the Conference, Rev. Bentley's, P, E, report was ordered to be placed in the minutes. See report.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report. A discussion arose concerning the division of the Conference into two Sunday School Districts. Revs. W, H, Brown, J, W. Biley, D, S. Bently and others spoke upon the subject. Rev. C Asbury desired the Bishop to set us right on this matter. On motion by I. N. Ross that we recommend that we have two Sunday School districts in this Conference as formerly. Rev. D, S. Bently opposed the motion and said it would discourage the schools on the other side of the mountains. Rev. B. Wheeler

said that they could conduct a convention just as well over there as here. A motion to lay on the table was lost. The former motion was carried,

On motion that the next session of the Sunday School convention, First District meet in convention at Washington, Pa,, the second Tuesday in July of '92. Carried,

Rev. Dr. B. F. Lee, editor of the Christian Recorder was introduced to the Conference. He spoke in favor of the Recorder and the A. M. E. Review and the great work our people are doing. He also represented the Book Concern of Philadelbhia, and he spoke very highly of our dear Bishop Payne, whose head is crowned with eighty years yet a power wherever he goes.

Rev. J. J. Jones read resolutions on Bishop Payne's illness, See Resolutions. Rev. W. J. Johnson, of the Ohio, and Rev. D. F. Caliman, of the North Ohio Conferences, and Dr. S. T. Mitchell, President of Wilberforce were introduced to the Conference.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries reported $1.50 more of dollar money.

Conference adjourned by singing and benediction by Dr. Mitchell.

THE DEACONS.

Joseph Henry Artope, Timothy Dwight Scott, Price Andrew Scott, Thomas J. Simmons, Charles Garner, S. Burrells.

Whereas the illness of Bishop D. A Payne, D. D., LL. D. has deprived us of his presence with us to-day, and that he may not be with us to-morrow, therefore be it

Resolved that we enter into the heartiest sympathy with our beloved Bishop in his affliction and pray God that he may be speedily returned to this Conference room, if only to sit by the side of his able colleague, B. W. Arnett, D. D.

Respectfully submitted by

C. A. McGee.
J. J. Jones.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

The meeting was opened by Rev. W. S. Lowry. Hymn sung, "Soldier of Christ, arise, and put your armor on," Prayer by Rev. Lowry. The choir sang a choice selection, after which the Committee on Education reported, The report was read by Rev. J. M. Morris, chairman of the Committee. On motion that the report be adopted,

The Bishop introduced Dr. S. T. Mitchell, President of Wilberforce University, who gave an address on the subject of Education. He said that the Pittsburgh Conference had outstripped any other conference. He gave figures and facts as proof that we have raised more money for education than any other conference in the connection, and said the indications are that we are going far beyond the report of last year. He said that Wilberforce had more students now than ever before at this time of the year. She is overrun with students, and yet they come. He spoke of the Ladies' Industrial Hall, fully equipped for work. Payne's Theological Seminary was about ready,

work is surely on the advance. The address was full of life, and instruction for all. He appealed to the Conference to join in and help to do grander work than ever.

After the earnest and strong appeals of the Doctor the choir sang a fine selection.

Bishop Arnett then introduced Dr. B. F. Lee, ex-President of Wilberforce University. The speaker pointed out a number of old students of Wilberforce, and said they are all around us. Wilberforce is spreading out and doing a great work for the race We shall fill the Country with developed men and women to bless the world.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Handy was then introduced to the congregation. He said he did not feel like making a speech; but before he closed he made quite an interesting speech of wit and humor. He said it was very necessary for us to have money as well as education.

After this Bishop Arnett arose and said that we have more members in our church than any other Negro church in the world. The ministers of our church must lead the people, therefore, they must be educated in order to lead. He then called for a collection. Amount Collected, $37.25. (See list of subscriptions for education.)

The meeting closed with singing, and benediction by Rev. G. C. Sampson.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. I. B. Till, Bishop Arnett presiding. Ritual read by Rev. Till. The Bishop called for subscriptions for Wilberforce University. [*See list of subscriptions.*]

The report on temperance was read, on motion of W. H. Pride that the report be adopted, Rev. G. C. Sampson said he was in favor of the report and hoped that it would be adopted, for the time had come, that we must practice what we preach. Bishop Arnett said that he would give them ten minutes for discussion, after which the report was adopted.

Financial Committee made its report, report was adopted. [*See report.*]

Rev. G. C. Sampson asked the Bishop, whether Sister James Jones, widow of Rev. James Jones. was to be recognized as an itenerant preacher's widow ? The Bishop called upon the bretheren of the conference to express what they knew about it. Rev. W. S. Lowry said, that he was located at Wheeling, and came up to the conference again at Uniontown, but was refused, Revs. R. Tanner, R. M. Henderson and J. M. Morris, agreed to the same. Rev. J. M. Morris said that he had presented his case several times but he failed to get into the conference. The Bishop decided that she was not entitled to the widows fund.

Conference adjourned by singing, and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 3 p. m. with singing, minutes of the

morning session adopted. Rev. W. H. Brown P. E., read the report from Meadville. Conference Missionary Society was called by the Bishop. [*See the minutes of Missionary Society.*] Dr. J. A. Handy was introduced to the conference to say something to the conference. He spoke of the financial condition of the church, and gave a fair statement of the condition and workings of our financial department. After which the Bishop called the brethren who were to be taken into the conference on probation, before the altar. The following bretheren came forward: T. D. Scott, P. A. Scott, J. W. Amiss, J. H. Artope, and J. W. Saunders. The Bishop gave to them Fatherly advice, and said that a Methodist preacher must keep the law, all points great and small, he must obey the authority over him, he also insisted upon them, to study, for the time had come, when our people would not follow an ignorant leader.

After singing, "Oh for a heart to praise my God" Rev. S. T. Jones led in an earnest prayer. H. G. Thomas, C. N. Woodson, J. W. Williams, W. N. Young, H. Johnson and Sandy Christian, were called before the altar and read into full connection. The Bishop asked them, did they drink or use tobacco? and those that did use tobacco agreed to stop. And they were taken into the conference, welcomed by the brethren of the conference. Revs. N. J. Watson and J. W. Tirey of the A. M. E. Zion conference were introduced to the conference. Committee on the state of the church and country, made its report, Dr. Asbury read the report. It was adopted. [*See reports.*]

Rev. Lewis of the A. M. E. Zion church of Sewickly, was introduced to the Bishop and conference. Conference adjourned by singing and benediction by Rev. J. W. Tirey.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened with devotional services by Rev. R. Brown. Singing by the choir. The report on missions was read by Rev. J. W. Lavatt. A motion was made to adopt the report, Rev. W. S. Lowry said that the report was a good one, and it was true the news is heard all along the line, "Throw out the life-lines." We are doing much to save Africa, but their is room to do more. We look forward to the time, when we shall hear the wheels of the cars, as they shall bear the missionaries of the cross to the dark continent, the speaker warmed up with earnestness as he entered into the discussion of the subject of missions. He closed by saying he hoped that all would give liberally for the cause of missions. Dr. B. F. Lee introduced R. C. Ransom of the North Ohio Conference as the next speaker. He said we have quite a number of world-conquerers such as Ceaser and Alexander and others, he said that he was interested in the mission work and believed that this conference was, and so long as we had separate churches, so long we would have to lift up our people; we ought to be as loyal to God as we are to our country. Bishop Arnett said before we could adopt the report, we wanted something to send the report along. He said that he believed that God intended for colored

churches of this country, to help to lift up Africa, help to civilize and christianize the dark continent.

Revs. W. S. Lowry and R. C. Ransom took up the collection to the amount of $30.60 on motion the report was adopted.

Dr. B. F. Lee stated to the congregation,that he had quite a number of books for sale. Conference adjourned by singing and benediction by Rev. G. W. Clinton.

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FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., opened with religious services conducted by Rev. J. W. Lavatt, hymn sung, "Let Zions Watchmen all awake." Prayer by Rev. Lavatt, Bishop Arnett presiding.

Minutes of the afternoon and evening sessions were read and adopted; the treasurer of the Missionary Society made his report and it was adopted.]*See report.*]

The Preachers Aid Society was called, B. Wheeler president. [*See minutes of the Preachers Aid.*]

The committee on appropriations made its report, the report was received and adopted. [*See report.*] The Bishop called the delegates before the altar and gave them certificates to the General Conference. He advised them to study and pray over the laws which they desired to have acted upon. The Bishop ordered the secretary to call the ro for the members of the conference to come forward and pay their $2.50 of Endowment Fund. [*See Endowment Fund roll.*]

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$2.50 ENDOWMENT DAY ASSESSMENT.

W. S. Lowry 2.50, C. Asbury D. D. 2.50, B. Wheeler 2.50, J. M. Morris 2.50, J. J. Norris 2.50, G. C. Sampson 2.50, R. Tanner, 2.50, J. W. Riley 2.50, R. Brown 2.50, R. H. Morris 2.50, W. H. Palmer 2.50, S. H. Lacy 2.50, G. G. Skinner 2.50, I. N. Ross 2.50 I. B. Till 2.50, S. C. Honesty 2.50, A. E. Waldon 2.50, D. S. Bently 2.50, C. H. Brown 2.50, C. A. McGee 2.50, Alex. Smothers 2.50, S. Christian 2.50, W. H. Pride 2.50, H. G. Thomas 2.25, J. W. Jeffries, 2.50, C. Woodson 2.50, G. W. Webster 2.50, O. T. Davis 2.50, W. G. Ralph 2.50, C. Brown 2.50, Ruben Baker 2.50, W. N. Young 2.50, S. T. Jones 2·50, Irena Hill 1.00, B. Morgan 2.50, Wm. Toliver 50, H. Johnson 2.50, W. H. Brown, R. M. Henderson. Totol $88.75.

After the collection was finished conference adjourned by singing nd benediction by Rev. W. G. Ralph.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened with singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Minutes of the morning session approved; committee on circuits and stations made their report, read by Rev. C. A. McGee, on motion that the report be adopted by sections, *carried* [*See report.*]

1. section was adopted.
2. " " "
3. " " "
4. " " "
5. " " "
6. " " "

SECOND DISTRICT.

1. section was adopted.
2. " " "
3. section on motion that Pleasant Green be attached to Monongahela City, *carried*, on motion that Pike Run be attached to Brownsville, *carried*. 4. section was adopted.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

On motion that Morgantown, W. Va. be attached to Clarksburg, *carried*, on motion that the pastors of the various charges set a time and raise a collection for the church at Monongahela, City, the motion was lost.

The Bishop called the attention of the conference to the Essays to be read. Revs. W. J. Johnson, R. C. Ransom and Anna R. Patterson were appointed judges. Persons who were prepared to read, essays, were Revs. J. W. Lavatt, R. Brown, C. Wright and J. W. Williams. The papers were all on the same subject. Subject of esays,

Morality. } What is it ?
Religion. } What is it ?

The Sunday School of Brown Chapel, gave us quite a nice entertainment, the Sunday School choir opened with a selection, after which, Miss Moore read a fine selection, subject, "The Bishop and his appointments." It was well rendered. At the conclusion the Bishop called the Judges forward to a seat, to hear the papers.

Rev. Richard Brown was called on to read his paper.

Rev. C. Wright being called away by the death of his mother, Dr. B. F. Lee was to have read his paper. The Bishop decided that it would not be proper for him to read it. The paper was passed over to the judges. Revs. J. W. Lavatt and J. Williams read their papers. At the conclusion of these exercises, the Bishop announced that memorial services would now take place.

The following persons have died during the past year, Bishops Richard R. Disney and Jabez P. Campbell, Revs. Frederick D. Denny, David Lewis and Thomas H. Cyus. The Bishop announced the Hymn, "There is a land of pure delight," which the choir and congregation joined in and sang.

Rev. C. Asbury led in an earnest and solemn prayer, he prayed for the blessings of God upon the companions of our departed Bishops who had fallen during the past year, and the families of our fallen brethren who have been called away from us since last conference. After singing by the choir, the Bishop called all of the widows of the

departed preachers, and preachers wives, to the front seats.

The following is the list :

Clara West,	Husband dead.
Grace Offer,	" "
Anna Jackson,	" "
Louisa Denny,	" "
Fanny Cyus,	" "
Those whose Husband alive.	
Sarah Brown,	" "
Elizabeth Jeffries,	" "
Mamie Smothers,	" "
Lyda Lowry,	" "
Mary M. Simmons,	" "
Mrs. Chas. Brown,	" "
Mrs. Dr. C. Asbury,	" "

And others whose names we failed to get. The choir sang, "There is sweet rest in heaven."

Rev. George G. Skinner read a report on memorials. After hearing the report, the choir sang, "I would not live always." Dr. B. F. Lee arose and made some very feeling remarks, he spoke upon the lives of the Rts. Revs. Bishops Richard R. Disney and Jabez P. Campbell. He said that Bishop Disney might well be called the gentleman, for he was worthy of the title, he spoke of Bishop Campbell, as the doctor of the law, he said that he was one of the greatest of preachers, he spoke of his sufferings, and said he was a great sufferer, yet, faithful and true to God. He laid down like a soldier, and wrapped his robe around himself, said the speaker, and left us. Rev. D. F. Caliman sang, "Meet me there," with wonderful effect. Rev. W. S. Lowry said that one of our great men had fallen in the person of Bishop Jabez P. Campbell, let us follow on to meet them on the other shore. Rev. D. S. Bently said that Bishop Campbell was near his heart because he was a good man. We have lost a strong man. Rev. W. H. Brown spoke of Rev. T. H. Cyus who suffered long, and said he was a faithful minister. Rev. W. H. Brown spoke of Rev. David Lewis. He said that Rev. Lewis would go wherever he was sent, though he suffered yet he was faithful to his charge. He spoke of Rev. Denny, who was afflicted long, but he has been gathered home with the fathers. The conference joined in and sang, "We are waiting and watching." Rev J. W. Riley spoke upon the life of Rev. Denny, Rev. W. H. Palmer, spoke upon the life of David Lewis, he said that Rev. Lewis died in the full triumphs of the living faith.

Rev. D. F. Caliman was called on by the Bishop to sing another verse of the hymn, "Meet me there," and while the congregation joined in to sing, the bishop said, he wanted all of the congregation who was determined to meet the Bishops and the bretheren who have fallen the past year, to rise and stand up while they sang that hymn. It seemed that the entire congregation arose in token, that they would meet the Bishops and brethren on the other side.

At the close of the services, Bishop Arnett said that conference would close to-night, and the appointments would be read.

Services closed by singing and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference resumed business, Bishop Arnett presiding. Minutes of the afternoon session were adopted.

On motion the Education Board was elected, the following brethren were elected.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

Revs. J. W. Riley, J. J. Jones, J. J. Norris.

LAYMEN.

J. H. Page, A. I. Billows.

On motion a Sunday School Board was elected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Revs. G. G. Skinner, R. Tanner, W. H. Palmer.

LAYMEN.

H. Thomas H. P. Jones,

MISSIONARY COMMITTEEMAN.

Rev. B. Wheeler was electecd.

BOOK STEWARD,

Rev. I. N. Ross of Brown Chapel was elected.

On motion one thousand minutes be printed, *carried*, on motion that the pictures of Bishops Disney, Campbell, Payne and Arnett, and also Revs. W. G. Ralph and S. T. Jones with a sketch of their lives, be put in the minutes, *carried*, on motion by W. H. Brown, that Rev. A. Smothers be president of the literary society, *carried*, Rev. I. B. Till was elected Vice-President, J. W. Lavatt was elected Secretary and B. Wheeler Treasurer.

The Executive Committee, the same as last year. Amount in treasury was $11.50. The judges upon the essays made their report. [*See report.*] Rev. R. Brown and J. W. Williams received the prizes on essays. On motion that the first prize be $6.00 and the second $5.00, *carried*. On motion a vote of thanks was returned to the judges for the decision rendered.

On motion the three presiding elders were made a committee on assessments for delegates to the General Conference. Rev. J. J. Jones resolutions on Bishops Payne and Arnett was adopted. [*See resolutions.*]

Rev. W. S. Lowry read resolutions concerning the work in West Virginia after quite a discussion the motion was lost.

The Committee on General Conference assessments made its report, the report was adopted. [*See report.*] On motion that the pastor of the Wylie Ave. church be treasurer and the money be paid in on April 1 1892, *carried*. Rev. W. S. Lowry read resolutions on

the presiding eldership. It was adopted. [*See resolutions.*] On motion that we petition the General Conference to have the superannuated preachers, paid out of the general fund, *carried.* On motion when we adjourn that we meet in Oil City, Pa., next Fall, *carried.*

Bishop Arnett assigned Rev. B. Morgan, to the New Brighton Quarterly Conference as a supernumerary preacher. The Bishop appointed the following committee.

Publishing committee, to publish the minutes ;

R. H. Morris, *Chairman,* W. H. Brown, D. S. Bently,

C. Asbury and G. C. Sampson.

Rev. J. M. Morris Treasurer of the conference Missionary Society paid over to the Bishop, the sum of $12.51. By order of the Presiding Elders W. H. Brown and D. S. Bently the Bishop paid said amount to Rev. A. Smothers the sum of $5.00, Rev. J. W. Williams $7.51. Total paid out $12.51. Leaving the treasury empty.

Bishop Arnett said that he was sorry that Bishop Payne was not able to be present and give out the appointments The Bishop gave a short address after which he read the appointments. The minutes of the evening was read and adopted conference closed a pleasant session. Singing and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Presiding Bishops, Bishop Daniel A. Payne assisted by Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett. R. H. MORRIS

SECRETARY.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Rev. C. A. McGee, P. E.

1.	Wheeling, W. Va.,	J. J. Jones,
2.	Washington,	J. M. Morris,
3.	Cannonsburg,	G. G. Skinner,
4.	Parkersburg,	T. D. Scott,
5.	Clarksburg,	J. W. Williams,
6.	Waynesburg,	T. A. J. West,
7.	Charleston,	P. A. Scott,
8.	West Middletown,	W. N. Young.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Rev. D. S. Bently, P. E.

1.	Milton,	Sandy Christian,
2.	New Haven,	Richard Brown,
3.	Tyrone,	Charles Garner,
4.	Wilkesbarre,	I. B. Till,
5.	Scranton,	Alexander Smothers,
6.	Bloomsburg,	Hutchinson Johnson,
7.	Bedford,	H. G. Thomas,
8.	Bellefonte,	S. C. Honesty,
9.	Altoona,	J. J. Norris,
10.	Phillipsburg,	David J. Johnson,

11.	McDonald,	J. W. Amiss,
12.	Montrose,	Cyrus Woodson,
13.	Greensburg,	T. J. Simmons,
14.	Braddock,	B. Wheeler,
15.	Williamsport.	R. Tanner,
16.	East End Pittsburg,	G. C. Sampson,
17.	Wylie Ave., Church, Pitts.,	C. Asbury, D. D,
18.	Lewiston,	O. T. Davis.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E.

1.	Brownsville,	G. W. Webster,
2.	Monongahela City,	W. H. Palmer,
3.	Oil City,	W. S. Lowry,
4.	Uniontown,	Carter Wright,
5.	Franklin,	S. H. Lacy,
6.	New Brighton,	A. E. Waldon,
7.	Erie,	W. H. Pride,
8.	Bradford,	R. M. Henderson,
9.	West Newton,	J. W. Riley,
10.	Bridgewater,	J. W. Jeffries,
11.	Meadville,	J. W. Lavatt,
12.	Elizabeth Circuit,	C. H. Brown,
13.	Manchester,	D. F. Caliman,
14.	South Side Pitts.,	R. H. Morris,
15.	Brown Chapel Allegheny,	I. N. Ross.

REPORTS.

THE "BIBLE" CAUSE.

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Conference.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following report.

We thank God for the Bible as the revealed will of God containing all things necessary to the salvation of mankind. We thank God that this revelation is no longer sealed from the people written on large sheets of parchment.

We give thanks that the Bible is the birth-right of every child in the world and as such should be placed in every family with its message of universal salvation to who believeth making known to all the conditions of salvation, is repentance towards God and faith, in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is able to save to the uttermost, all that come unto God by him for he ever lives to make intercession, Heb. 7, 25. Whosoever will; let him take of the water of life, Rev. 22, 17.

It gives to the household the promise of the Holy Ghost. The comforter and teacher, the guide, the power and the sanctifier make them meat for the joy and purity of heaven. We therefore not only recommend the Bible to every home, but we also recommend a diligent, faithful and prayerful study of the Bible by every minister. Its principal as laid down for the disceminating the Word of God is that all men shall here in order to hear, there must be men called of God and sent. Rom. 10, 13. Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved through the Word.

But in order that men shall be saved they must hear. The Bible must be preached in order that men might hear.

14. How shall they hear without a preacher?

15. The essential requisites for preaching is to be called and sent by God.

16. How shall they preach except they be sent.

Therefore the called and sent preacher should study to show himself a workman indeed by rightly dividing the Word of truth.

The Bible is a matchless volume. We cannot study it too much or

estimate it to high. It contains more true sublimity, more exquisite beauty, purer morality than all other books that were ever composed in any age or nation, because it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.

There is no book in the world upon which the soul can rest in a dying hour or *moment* but the Bible.

While we have a free and complete Bible, let us think of other lands where superstition and ignorance prevail and consecrate to God our time, talent and means, and hope and pray for the time when God's book shall be known throughout the world.

Therefore be it resolved that we, the ministers of the Pittsburg Conference preach, annally a special sermon on the distribution of the Bible and impressing the necessity of giving more liberal to the Bible cause.

I. B. Till, B. D.
A. Smothers,
S. T. Jones. } *Committee.*

EDUCATION.

We, your committee appointed on education beg leave to submit the following report, to wit:

Education simply means instruction, the cultivation of the moral intellectual, and physical powers. Therefore we recognize how indispensible is our public school system which has been long in operation in these United States of America. And in these numerous day and public schools over 7,000,000 childrens' names have been enrolled. There are upwards of 8,000,000 children in this country eligible to attend the various public schools if suitable, accomodations could be had.

Education is knowledge, and knowledge is power. Therefore the pride of America to day is her numerous school houses, colleges and universities These are the medium through which this great American nation has opened up the greatest resources for intellectual, spiritual and gospel development that ever were known in this civilized world. To-day the great work of education is in a progressive state. Over almost the whole continent of America school houses, churches and colleges are looming up, in every state and territory of this grand republic. The A. M. E. Church has fallen in line with her twenty-two universities, colleges and normal schools, and her 240 graduates.

Out of the above number Wilberforce University is pleased to record the names of 140 graduates, who to-day are active in life, filling responsible positions in this grand old republic, molding character and shaping ideas. Among those illustrious characters who are thus engaged are, Prof. E. A. Clark, the young scientist, Miss H. Q. Brown, the great elocutionist, who is at this present time commissioner of the State Exposition of South Carolina, Rev. S. T. Mitchell, president of our glorious old College, Wilberforce, Prof.

B. F. Lee, editor of the Christian Recorder, and Rev. J. W. Beckett, D. D., pastor of the Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C. We must not forget our aged, venerable Bishop, D. A. Payne, D. D., LL. D., the great educator of the race, who, through the providence of God, laid the foundation and built the structure for this grand work upon which to-day the A. M. E. Church stands.

We also note with interest the action of the Council of Bishops at Jacksonville, Fla., recommending the reorganization of the Theological Department of Wilberforce University, and the subsequent action of the trustee board of that institution in consummating that important plan, and in securing valuable property to conduct said department. We earnestly recommend that inasmuch as the establishment and maintenance of Conference scholarships is an essential feature of the plan under which the Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce University is to be operated, we join the several Conferences and establish a scholarship in the Payne Theological Seminary to be known as THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP of said College.

J. M. Morris
A. E. Walden
H. G. Thomas
S. C. Honesty.

MISSIONS

To the Rt. Rev. D. A. Payne, D. D., LL. D., Associate Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., and the members of the twenty-fourth session of the Pittsburgh Conference, now assembled in Brown Chapel A. M. E. Church.

We, your committee appointed to prepare a paper on missions, beg leave to submit the following:

The vastness of the field can be somewhat conjectured when we comprehend the meaning the of command of God. "Go ye into all the world, and preach my Gospel," which shows us plainly that God has appointed redemption for all mankind through the preaching of his word. This is the belief of his Church, that with the Gospel in our hands and the experience of other Christian churches within our reach that if faithful to our trust and continue to preach and trust the promises of God, the world, now living in darkness and sin, shall resound with the glorious tidings of salvation.

The statement often stares us in the face, "The world is growing worse instead of better, and the Christian religion is losing its hold and influence." Let us note from the first century 500,000 to the nineteenth, which is this We have now 410,000,000 Christians. We are founding a new church every day in the year, 365 annually. The Bible is undoubtedly the most popular book of the day. There were sold in six weeks in one year 2,500,000 copies of the New Testament. We may take ten of the best writers, of the most popular authors and put all their books together, and they will not equal the distributions of the Scriptures. At the Methodist Missionary Society of London

Gov Gordon, the president stated that out of a population of 120,000 of the Fejee Islands 102,000 are regular attendants of the Methodist Church and the remainder are not heathen but members of other Christian churches.

The Christian church of America is spending annually the handsome sum of $21,000,000 in the foreign field for the Gospel. Say nothing for the amount that is spent annually for the education of a Gospel ministry, and we find the best educated minds the world has ever produced prominent in the Master's work.

We have not the time to speak of the societies that are propagating the Gospel in foreign lands, of all denominations. There are in all 52 Protestant Evangelical missionary societies in different parts of the world spending $7,000,000 per annum for missions, which number three or four thousand, who are proclaiming the glorious Gospel of Christ to the heathen. Even the printing press is a powerful engine for the spread of the Gospel. Although the late Alexander Mackay called the printing press an evil because it prints bad as well as good, but we would not do without it.

"Then, who is like unto our God whose ways are past finding out and the thunders of whose power none can understand? From the time He gave the divine command to his disciples "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel" up to the present day it has prospered. It is true there have been times from a human standpoint the cloud has gathered, muttering thunders spoke, the zig zag lightning flashed, which caused many to believe the great cause was lost. But there were those who could sing "Judge not the Lord by feeble sense." We repeat, the Word of God has prospered and is still prospering. The world boasts of a higher Christianity to day.

But dark and benighted Africa, the asylum to which Mary and Joseph fled with the young child, Jesus; Africa, who produced Simon, who bore the cross of the Savior; dark Africa within whose borders were once to be found the fountains of art, literature and science, and the most scientific and wonderful pieces of mechanism, the pyramids, still to be seen. It is this Africa of which divine prophecy declares. "Out of Egypt have I called my son" with all her ancient greatness and grandeur.

The depravity of the human heart conquered those higher qualities that maintain the dignity and power of manhood. But to-day the precious word of God all along the picturesque banks of the great Congo country and Sierra Leonne the cry is to be heard "The Lord has come."

A letter conveying glad tidings was sent July 7, 1891 from Sierra Leone, west coast of Africa by John Richard Frederick to Rt Rev. Daniel A. Payne, our venerable Bishop. In this letter he first acknowledges a receipt for a draft of 102 05 sent him by our honorable Bishop from the Third Episcopal District. On the reception of this money he has been inspired with increased interest, and is once more moved in confidence with the God of missions. The work is rapidly spreading in the country and in both of our stations, and the heathen are being brought out of darkness and are rejoicing

in the liberty of the Gospel.

Quite a number have been brought into the church during the past six months and the interest is increasing daily At a point called Magbelly, and a point called Scarens, a town at which Bro. Fredrick preaches the interest is so great that the prayer of Bro Fredrick has come over to us for more competent teachers, which means an increased effort on the part of this great church. Bro. Fredrick is putting another agent into the field. This is being done in the faith he has in the guarantee of our venerable Bishop to support him in the erection of a new mission house at Magbelly, which is a great necessity,

Only lately Bro. Fredrick states that he had a special invitation to assist in the ordination of one of the ministers of the Methodist Free Church, and he was glad to be able to take part. He also states that Bishop Ingham of the Church of England seems to take pleasure in inviting us to their meetings. He also was appointed Vice President, for the year, of the Bible Society. He also states that the coming of Bishop Henry M Turner, of the A. M. E. Church, is looked for with great pleasure in this part of the world.

There has been a serious drawback. One of the most distressing is the strong opposition to the baptism of slaves, by their masters. They are not prohibited from attending meetings, but the children of slaves are prevented from attending schools. In the matter of baptism the masters of slaves will not agree to have the slaves enjoy the same privilege as the free born. They cannot understand "God is no respecter of persons."

Such has been the result from believing and obeying Him who holds in his hands the reigns of all governments. We would recommend an increased effort on the part of our Conference to aid this work, in God's name.

W. S. Lowry
G. C. Sampson
Jas. W. Lavatt, Sec.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON

THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS' STUDIES.

Allegheny Pa., Sept. 27, 1891.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee on Third and Fourth Year's Studies offer for your consideration the following:

We have examined Bro. June W. Jeffries in the Third Year's studies, and are pleased to say that the result of his examination is good, his percentage being 75. We recommend that he be passed to the Fourth Years Studies.

We have examined Brothers Hutchinson Johnson, Cyrus N. Woodson, William N. Young and Hartley G. Thomas in the Fourth Year's studies. and take pleasure in saying the result of their exam-

ination is creditable. We recommend that they be ordained Elders.

Respectfully submitted.

Cornelius Asbury
Richard Tanner
R. H. Morris
W. S. Lowry
D. S. Bentley

SUNDAY APPOINTMENTS.

We, your Committee on Public Worship beg leave to make the following report. Bishop Daniel A. Payne will preach in Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church at 10:30 a m. At 3 p. m. Mite Missionary meeting, conducted by Bishop B. W. Arnett. Preaching by Dr. J. A. Handy at 7-30 p. m.

I. N. Ross
C. Asbury
D. S. Bentley
W. H. Brown
COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Bishop and Members of The Pittsburgh Annual Conference.

The undersigned treasurer of your Missionary Society report the following cash receipts at the Annual Conference held in Williamsport, Oct, 1890.

Receipts,		$485.51
Expenditures	$463 00	
"	10.00	
Total		473.00
Am't in Treasury		12.51

J. M. MORRIS, Treas.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

To the Bishop and Conference.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report.

We are pleased to note the fact that the Sabbath Schools of the A. M. E. church are moving forward, and we are glad to see that a deeper interest seems to be taking hold of both pastors and people. We are also pleased to state that nearly all the Sabbath Schools of the Pittsburgh Conference are using our own Sabbath School literature. The Sabbath School Conventions held annually are a great source of inspiration to our sabbath schools. Especially so was one held at Williamsport, which was presided over by Rev. D. S. Bentley, P. E. We believe that if the parents of the children could be induced to attend the schools that much more good could be accomplished. We are glad to note that in the most of our schools there have been a

number of conversions, for which we feel to thank God. In some of our schools death has entered and taken some of the brightest scholars and transplanted them in the paradise of heaven, there to bloom forever.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard Tanner
R. M. Henderson
C. H. Brown

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

W. H. Brown, *Presiding Elder.*

To the Bishop and Conference of the 24th session.

Throughout the year a merciful Providence has preserved the lives and health of the effective preachers of the district, that with a single exception all have been active and efficient in their work. Rev. David Lewis fell asleep in the arms of a loving Saviour, at his post. He passed from service to rest on April 24 1891.

Rev. Richard Brown. With joys and Triumphs of the year shadows have fallen upon his home and one has fallen asleep. A loving and promising daughter has passed away; her end was peace.

The Allegheny District includes 24 preaching places, and 16 appointments. Three missions have been organized this year, one at Bellevue, one at Kain and one at Irwin. These missions are very weak. The one at Irwin has been turned over to the Pittsburg District, Rev. Bently, P. E., as Rev. Riley, of the West Newton Circuit was not able to give it the proper attention, he having as much as he could well attend to. The mission at Bellevue is under the care of Browns Chapel which has been taken care of by Rev. I. N. Ross. The mission at Kain is under Rev. W. H. Pride, of Bradford Pa., and we would recommend that it be attached to Bradford. Many of the churches in the district have undergone repairs during the conference year. At Uniontown Rev. Carter Wright, the pastor has built a very fine modeled church of the latest style, which will cost about $15,000. To much credit cannot be given to the pastor, he has worked day and night for the success of this church under much opposition. The Presiding Elder felt it his duty to call a halt for fear of the pastor overdoing himself. The church at Brownsville has been repaired with a new roof which was greatly needed, a debt of $500 has nearly been paid off under the pastoral labors of Rev. G. W. Websters an efficient local deacon whom we appointed to this charge when made vacant by the change of Rev. R. H. Morris to the South Side, Pittsburg.

California Circuit mission is in a very poor condition. The people are very poor and but very few, scattered over the county. After the death of Rev. David Lewis we sent to this appointment Rev.

J. W. Jones, a local deacon about 71 years old he has not been able to do but little, the people never have sufficiently supported a preacher at this point; we believe and know that Rev. Lewis did his whole duty; we would reommend that this point be attached to either Brownsville or Monongahela City, to be taken care of the best they can. One thing to their credit this year, they have cleaned up their church and papered it at a cost of about $75 all paid for, to which we say God's name be praised.

Monongahela City, Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D., Pastor.

The prospect for this church looks very bright under the pastoral care of Rev. Palmer. We have great hopes of this church, being freed from debt under the plans of the pastor. We would recommend all of our preachers and people in the district to assist this struggling church. A revivival of religion has been in progress for some weeks and months, which has resulted in much good. During the year $1354 has been collected for all purposes which is an increase over last year and many previous years.

Elizabeth Circuit, Rev. C. H. Brown, Pastor.

There are two churches on this work, East and West Elizabeth. The church at East Elizabeth has been roofed this year. The Church at West Elizabeth has been roofed and repaired. The charge has raised for all purposes this year $1,525. A good work has been done; no debts are on these churches. A good revival was enjoyed on this circuit many precious souls were converted and has proffessed the higher life in Christ Jesus.

West Newton Circuit, Rev. J. W. Riley, Pastor.

The West Newton church is in a good condition. A glorious revival of religion was enjoyed by this church last winter under the pastoral care of Rev. J. W. Riley. The charge is out of debt. McKeesport is the other point. We have a church at this place and a very good congregation; we are sorry to say that it is not a religious congregation. We have but few proffessing Christians in McKeesport. We are living in hope to have a visitation of the power of God in McKeesport. The people are kind and support the gospel but profess no religion, not even the officers of the church. McKeesport is one of the most prosperous cities in Western Pennsylvania, of about 20,000 inhabitants and about 400 colored people who have come in this city in the last six years. What we need is a good revival of religion at McKeesport, Raised $925.73.

South Side, Pittsburg, Rev. R. H. Morris, Pastor.

The Pastor has cleared the debt from this church. For the first time we can say we own a house of worship on the South Side, Pittsburg, clear of debt. The labors of Rev. R. H. Morris, has been a success the church has been attended with a revival of religion. During the year collection from all sources amounted to $1047.49.

Charters Church, Allegheny City, Rev. J. W. Lavatt, Pastor.

This church is not in a very prosperous condition. The people are not in a very prosperous condition. The people were not pleased because of the removal of their Pastor last year, in the person of Rev. R. C. Ransom. Rev. Lavatt did not please them and there has been a wide breach between pastor and people. During the year there has been but little co-operation in the work. But under existing circumstances Rev. Lavatt has done well. Raised for all purposes during the year the sum of $1401.51.

Brown Chapel, Allegheny City, Rev. I. N. Ross, Pastor.

Under the wise and skillful management of the Rev. I. N. Ross, this church will soon be out of debt. It is needless to say anything from me. The conference is here and the Bishop and conference can see for themselves. Every department of this church is in a prosperous condition. The church is loyal to law and Gospel. Raised this year for all purposes $3436.55

The managers of the Avery fund for the support of the Gospel in Allegheny and Pittsburg have kindly and wisely appropriated the sum of $700 this Conference year to the three churches in this district in this city and Allegheny City. To Brown Chapel $300, to Charters $200 and to South Side Pittsburg $200, making a total of $700, for all of which we are very thankful.

Bridgewater Circuit, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Pastor.

This work consists of two points Bridgewater and Sewickley. Much improvement has been made this year on the Bridgewater church in the way of remodeling the church with new windows and ceiling. We are pleased to say all has been paid for. There is a bonded debt against the church at Sewickly of $450 which is being reduced every year. A revival of religion has attended these churches this conference year, and a number of souls have been added to the church. Raised for all purposes during the conference year $1261.70.

New Brighton Station, Rev. A. E. Walden, Pastor.

The church property has been improved under the pastoral charge of Rev. Walden. A brick pavement and stone curbing has been put in front of the church and paid for. The church is out of debt. Raised during the year for all purposes $1054.91.

Meadville Church,

This church has undergone a very serious struggle under the pastoral care of Rev. S. C. Goosley in the way of debts contracted by Rev. Goosley as they claim. The church has been without a pastor for about three months however she will make a very fair report in the way of Conference claims. We appointed Mr. Frank Henry to collect conference moneys, which he will report at this conference. The church has been supplied, since the resignation of Rev. Goosley, with preaching by the Proffessors of the Allegheny College and the Meadville Theological Seminary, Rev. Prof. Barber, of the Seminary has taken special interest in our church, and rendered valuable ser-

vice. We are not able to say about how much money has been collected. Paid to the pastor Rev. Goosley $366.48.

Franklin Church. Rev. S. H. Lacy, Pastor.

We are pleased to say after many years of hard struggles we have a beautiful church at this point. Rev. S. H. Lacy has raised the standard high.

Bradford Church, Rev. W. H. Pride, Pastor.

This is a small mission in an oil town. The membership is small. They are very zealous to pay their pastor all they can. The church membership is composed mostly of women. Rev. Pride has worked hard in this charge. He has been on this charge three years. We believe he has done the best he could. By direction of the presiding elder he has organized a society at Kain which is 40 miles from Bradford, with seven members, which may be some for each other in the future. Raised this conference year for all purposes $1240.

Erie, Rev. R. Brown, Pastor.

Rev. Brown has had severe sickness throughout the year losing his daughter and now has a very sick boy. Our people are but few in Erie and they are divided among the white churches, which leaves but few for the A. M. E. Church. But through the kind providence of God, Richard has been able to pay off all the debt upon our church except to about $180. Raised during the conference year for all purposes $877.33 and the prospect looks good for our church in Erie.

Dear brethren this is but a report in a general way. My preachers will give a more general and particular report of their work in which you will see an increase over any year in the history of the Pittsburg Conference; we have done the best we could. The brethren have been kind and courteous not a single complaint have we to make against a brother, all have done their duty. We have carried out the orders of our superior officers, and my men have obeyed all orders from the Presiding Elder with cheerfulness. During the months of January and February, It seemed that the whole district was afflictedwith *La Grippe*, which greatly impeded the work; about two-thirds of the ministers of my district were not able to attend to their work for about four weeks.

I find the body of membership throughout the district loyal to the Presiding Eldership. We have a few of our society that oppose the office of Presiding Eldership. But the wheels of progress are rolling on all along the line. We have received all of our assessments from every brother in the District except from Pleasant Green and had Rev. David Lewis lived to see this conference his charge would not be behind. When the Bishop shall call his cabinet we have some recommendations to make in the appointments of pastors where changes are necessary to be made. We recommend the district to remain as it is. The numeral strength of the district is about the same as the Pittsburg District. In Franklin they have paid the pastor this year a very good support for a small place. Raised for all

purposes $877.33.

Oil City Circuit, Rev. Rev. W. S. Lowry, Pastor.

This charge consists of Titusville and Oil City. Rev. Lowry has done a grand work. Both of his churches have been remodeled and beautified and carpeted from door to pulpit. Raised during the year for all purposes $2106.44. The churches are in a very good condition both spiritual and financial.

The following table gives the amount collected from the different charges.

Uniontown station	$1857.73
Brownsville station	1097.05
Pleasant Green or California Mission	105.00
Monongahela City	1355.00
Elizabeth Circuit	1525.00
West Newton Circuit	925.73
South Side Pittsburg	1247.49
Brown Chapel	3436.55
Chartiers	1401.51
Bridgewater	1200.73
New Brighton	1054.91
Franklin	688.44
Erie	877.33
Oil City Circuit	2106.44
Bradford	712.40
Bellevue	
Meadville	437.31
Total	$19,857.86

This is an increase for the same charges over last year by several hundred dollars.

All of which we respectfully submit for your consideration.

I have the honor to remain yours, for the cause of our Lord Jesus

W. H. BROWN,

Presiding Elder.

D. S. BENTLEY, P. E.

To the Bishop and Members of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Pittsburg Conference, Greeting:

Dear Father and Brethren:—In submitting to you my annual report permit me to mention, by way of introduction, some items of interest to the pastors and members of the district over which I have presided this year. From the adjournment of the last annual session of this Conference in Williamsport, Pa. we have travelled and labored day and night with one definite purpose in view, to honor God, serve his church, and in some degree fill with credit the office which it pleased your reverence to appoint me last year.

How well I have succeeded, or whether I have been a success at all the ministers present with their reports will decide. The returns will indicate success when compared with those of last year. In a field like that of the Pittsburg District, with an area ranging from nine hundred to a thousand miles, with twenty-seven societies visited every three months in a conference year is a work which taxes both brain and muscle. Especially is this true when we remember that the work in its present form is new to both ministers and people. Many regarded the system adopted as a mere trial, and were not inclined to give it their hearty support, but it has succeeded grandly.

The people of the district are not wealthy, but industrious, and with one exception have contributed willingly and liberally to the support of the Gospel and various interests of our great church. But we are frank to confess that we have not realized our highest ideal, and will not until the churches of our district are filled with converts whose hearts are aglow with the love of God and the cause of Christian missions. How to accomplish this great end is the thought of the hour. With the forces better organized and manned by a practical, common sense ministry, all other things being equal, we can take the world for God.

Having been thus associated with the people and preachers I am rejoiced to acknowledge my obligations to them for the support and encouragement given me.

The following is a partial report of money collected together the number of members, probationers, Sunday schools and pupils.

Number of Full Members in District	$ 1,524
Probationers	183
Sunday Schools	28
Number of Sunday School Scholars	1,388
Books in Library	3,930
Collected Dollar Money	687.80
Pastors' Support	7051.21
Contingent	11.00
Bible Cause	26.10
Missionary Cause (Church)	183 57
Mite Missionary Cause	56.25
Building and Repairs	7,420.32
Charitable Purposes	96.49
Sunday School	704.60
" " for Missions	129.34
" " Union	75 51
Total Amount from all Sources	$17,179.80

I recommend the detachment of New Haven and its annexation to Greensburg, to be known as the Greensburg, Mission.

2. Jersey Shore attached to Tyrone and supplied with a local preacher from Bellefonte Circuit.

3 Burgettstown, McDonald and Florence constitute a mission known as McDonald Mission.

It is with sadness I make known to the Bishop and members of

this Conference the deaths of John Russell Tanner, son of Rev. Richard Tanner, and of his mother, who has also passed from this to the Better Land. Rev. Thomas Cyus, who was for some time confined to the Danville Asylum, died Dec 27th, 1890, leaving a wife and child.

REV. D. S. BENTLEY, P. E.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

Headquarters of the Wheeling District of the Pittsburg Conference.

Rev. C. A. McGee, P. E.

To the Bishops and Members of the Conference Greetings:

The Wheeling district, consists of nine charges and a few missions; and the interest manifested by the pastors and members gives reason to think that the reports this year will surpass those of any previous year In most of the churches, the records have been searched and we failed to find as many members as were reported last year and for this reason will not appear as great as it is.

No. of members, reported last year, was, 452 Probationers, 17.

This year the number of members is, 559 and Probationers, 76. Increase of full members 107, Probationers 59 Total increase 166

Thirteen members have died and Sixteen have been expelled. We have baptized 42 children and 45 adults, this year By the untiring labors Elder J. M Morris, pastor; the church at Washington, has a beautiful and commodious parsonage. We have built one church in Raleigh this year and one School House in Boone County, which we use for church and school. We are sorry that we have not been able to extend the mission work further in West Virginia for want of means. For the same reason we have not been able to give proper attention to the work already organized.

The assessment of this District is only $280 00 and in most cases I have had to pay my travelling expenses out of that, which makes my salary less than $250.00

The Presiding Elders of mission fields should have a living support in order that they may travel uncumbered and not be a burden to those whom they are sent to help. He should also be supplied with Tracts, Bibles and our Church and Sabbath School literature for free distribution among the poor. All that I have been able to do in this line I have had to pay for out of my own scanty earnings, with the exception of what I have received from the kind hearted, Mrs. Wm. Slaughter, of Williamsport, Pa. She has assisted us greatly by furnishing Tracts and other literature which we have used to a great advantage in what missionery work I have been able to do

I praise God that during the year I have been blessed with good health and with the privilege of preaching every Sunday during the year. I have travelled over 4000 miles by rail, 319 miles on horseback and nearly 100 miles on foot. I have labored with no other object in view than the upbuilding of the cause of Christ to this end, have given the best that is in me,

Whatever my weakness or failures have been, I trust that my

labors have been acceptable to God, to the Bishop and to the Conference.

The brethren in the District, I believe have done all that is in their power. They have raised in the District this year $6,484.34.

Believing this to be a correct report, we respectfully and prayfully submit the same.

REV. C. A. McGEE, P. E.
Clarksburg, W. Va.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Allegheny City Pa., Sept. 29 1891.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburgh Conference:

We, your committee to whom was referred the subject of stations, circuits and missions beg to submit the following.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT — 1st, that New Haven be made a station.

2nd, That Greensburg and Irwin be attached, and known as the Greensburg Mission.

3rd. That Jerseyshore and Tyrone be attached, and known as the Tyrone Mission

4th, That McDonald, Burgettstown and Florence be attached, and known as the McDonald Mission.

5th. That Montrose, Waverly and Pittston be attached, and known as the Montrose Mission.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.—We recommend,

1st, Kane be attached to Bradfoad and know as the Bradford Mission.

2nd, -That Bellevue be accepted and made a local Mission under the care of Brown Chapel.

3rd.--That the pastor at New Brighton be instructed to take charge of and look after our people who are at New Castle and Sharon.

W. H. Brown
D. S. Bentley
C. A McGee, Secy.

Pike Run was attached to Brownsville, and Pleasant Green was attached to Monongahela City.

ASBURY'S RESOLUTIONS.

In view of the fact that Bishop Payne has stated that in sending the resolutions concerning the appropriation and conveying of money to the widows and orphans of deceased itinerant preachers his object was to guard the conference against the possibility of a member holding the widows' money in his pocket, thus depriving her of the use of it. Therefore, be it

Resolved that we cheerfully accept the explanation of the Bishop, and in the future we will endeavor to govern ourselves according to his instructions.

Cornelius Asbury.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report:

For years the cause of Intemperance has engaged our serious attention Viewing it as occasion allowed, noting its terrible effect resulting in the utter ruin and misery of the drunkard no language of which we have a knowledge so keenly and strikingly conveys the sense of our conviction as that of Richardson, a most eminent authority who said, "Let us take a moderate amount of alcohol, say two ounces by volume, in form of wine beer or spirits, it matters not which. When we reach two ounces a distinct physiological effect follows—the first stage of excitement." Evidently both reason and history disprove the idea that fermented alcoholic beverages in the form of wine and beer are harmless or unintoxicating. In making beer the first thing is to change the starch in the barley into sugar. This makes the sweet wort. In this form it is nutritious and has no alcohol, and was much used in the early ages, and is now put up in bottles and sold by druggists as a nutriment for invalids This change of starch into sugar is not by fermentation, though often spoken of in that way.

It is the result, under certain circumstances, of a combination which takes place between the elements of water and the elements of starch, analogous to that which takes place in making soap, when oil and alkali combine and produce a new substance. Those who have a sufficient knowledge of chemistry, will see the proof of this. All grain from which distilled liqours are made, first undergo this change. Without the sugary matter thus produced, there could be no alcoholic fermentation. There is a large amount of nutritious matter left, which does not enter into this change which is fed to cattle. It is evident that the object of the whole proceeding is to produce alcohol. Liebig tells us to what extent the material of the barley enters into beer. It is the merest nothing, the vast quantity of corn and grain all goes through this round of converting into sugar, before it can be fermented and distilled spirits obtained from it

In making wine and brandy from grapes, the sugar is in the grapes, and the alcoholic fermentation immediatly precedes, by absorption of oxygen from the air at the proper temperature from 45 to 75 degrees. In the ninth century, the extract of hops, a soporific and narcotic was added to the sugar or alcohol fermentation. The narcotic power of hops retards digestion and causes the retention of effete matter. It makes the body pussy and ends in what is called beer-bloat. This narcotic drink is doing much mischief by being prescribed by physicians, for invalids and women. Present relief is at the expense of vitality, a sense of comfort is followed by slow and certain prostration of strength. Beer makes no strength. Liebig, the great German chemist says it is proven with mathematical certainity that as much flour or meal as can lie upon the point of a small table knife is more nutritions than nine quarts of the best Bavarian beer. To have nothing wanting in this delusive art, alum it is said, is put into ale or

beer to make the high standing head or foam.

When the glass is filled, the beautiful sight is held up; by a stringent and corrosive poison, does either alcohol, hops or alum, promote digestion? Liebig's Animal Chemistry says: "In the action of the gastric juices on the food no other element takes a share except the oxygen of the atmosphere, and the element of water. All substances which can arrest the phenomena of fermentation and putrifaction in liquids, also arrest digestion when taken into the stomach. Beer, wine, spirits, etc., furnish no element capable of entering into the composition of blood, muscular fiber, or any part which is the seat of the vital principle. Alcohol is a powerfull anti-septic, it prevents fermentation and putrifaction. Hops and alum have the quality in addition to other evils directly inflicted; all leaving ruin in their path. Opium and hops daily used are destructive narcotics, slow in their operatian, certain in result. Whoever thinks a moment of the amount of food we take daily, and the process of assimilation by which the available parts of it are converted into the bodily organs to replace the waste worn, effete matter, can see how important is the process of elimination, the throwing out of this matter to the health of the body.

To do this there is a special arrangement of organs known as the lymphatics. This effete, soluble matter is in a thin, watery state, and is carried to the kidneys and other organs, where it is easily expelled. But hops render the lymphatics torpid, and unfit them for doing their work perfectly The result is a retention of a portion of this inert matter, for which their is no place in the living body Its accumulation in process of time makes the body torpid, lowers its vitality and shortens the natural period of life. The Germania Life Insurance Co. deduct five years on the lives of saloon keepers. This is their own testimony.

As to the effect of beer, any one who has noticed beer drinkers in public places must have noticed their quiet, inactive and, sometimes, almost torpid condition. The narcotic effect of hops predominates over the exhilirating effect of hops. Hops still have another use. The resinous substances they contain, which is such a powerful narcotic, is also a powerful antiseptic, and is of immense benefit in carrying on the business of brewing, by preventing the beer from souring. In the same manner a little leaven is kept from spoiling for domestic use. The antiseptic properties of alcohol are well known for the preservation of animal substances It absorbs the water, and acts as a corrosive stringent on all tissues, dead or alive.

The moderate drinker who preserves his health and strength to old age has, for many years, an increasing difficulty in his knee joints in getting into a carriage, or even in rising from a chair. This terrible stiffness is caused by the corrosive stringent action of alcohol on the soft, elastic membrane that covers the socket of the joints. This is the way in which alcohol exerts its antiseptic power. By a chemical affinity for water it draws the water out of membranous or fleshy substances, infuses itself, and so equalizes the fluid mixture in a manner similar to the action of salt in preserving meat.

By a simple experiment this effect of alcohol can be shown on brain matter and on all nervous tissues of the body. It hardens and injures all the soft and delicate tissues. It exerts in this manner a powerful abstractive action on the capillary veins, on the surface of the body and on the surface of all the internal organs to retard circulation. And were it not that alcohol is at the same time a powerful stimulant on the action of the heart the effect would be disastrous. This supplies the increased force necessary to propel the blood. In this way the heart is overworked and often permanently weakened. It is an instructive fact and one that accounts for the amazing effect of liquor on the brain, that one sixth of the blood goes to that organ, which is only one fortieth of the body. Heavy drinking soon paralyzes this organ, with the whole nervous structure, by which all the movements of the body are directed and sustained. These quarters of the man are to all intents dead when he is dead drunk. It is a great mistake to say he is asleep. He is paralyzed. He lives only because the nerves sustaining the action of the heart and lungs belong to an automatic, separate system not invaded by the liquor. These sustain life till the liquor passes off, and recovery follows.

Beer or ale has all these and many other effects of alcohol in addition to the narcotic and antiseptic effects of the hops. The condition of the beer drunkard is the worst possible. It does not require a large amount of ale to make a man drunk. This is about one third the strength of whiskey.

It is not denied that there are medical uses for hops and alcohol. Gin is used for the extract of the juniper berry, which is an active diseretic with which it is flavored. The liquour when not needed as a medicine should not be used. Any liquour when used to stimulate a temporarily enfeebled action of the heart, should be taken in small quantities. The burning sensation when it is strong, is caused by the affinity of alcohol for water which is very great, this it attracts from the surface of the stomach, this it must have before it moves. Hop extract may be used as a narcotic substitute, for opium to allay neuralgic pain in the stomach, the value these thing have as a medicine, is admitted. But when so used it must be known that their effect on the system is contrary to the laws of health, and is injurious if continued.

Strychnine, a vegetable alkaloid poison is sometimes used to supply the place of hops. It is intensely bitter and a powerful narcotic—anything for money. No man knows what may be in his beer. Whiskey in an adulterated form is made of poisonous drugs. This makes a drunken craziness, defrauds the revenue, profits the distiller. In common liquors there is poison upon poison. The poor, wretched drunkards do not know what they drink. There is no preventing the misery which comes from all kinds of liquors, the best and the worst. They all create appetite. They all weaken virtue, and shorten life besides the poverty and wretchedness they bring.

The pledge made and sustained is hope's sure anchor. Tobacco, a weed poison used in any form interrupts digestion, producing an extra and unnecessary flow of saliva, causing dyspepsia by removing

too much of that essencial property from the stomach which is one of the principal elements to saturate and aid the septic condition of the food. Whenever digestion is disturbed by the continued use of any poison of which toxicology may result, of those we have mentioned and many more we could, the tendency is ever, by the abstance of the gastric juice, to weaken the parts thus exposed, bringing affliction upon the subject that unfortunately persists in the use thereof. So that tobacco is one of the most prominent, filthy, habitual evils of the day. It is true that it causes indigestion, constipation, headache, heartburn, dizziness and misery in every form, exhausting, as it does, the proper state of effete matter in passing the kidneys, wasting the saliva that holds a high grade of gas oxygen that aids the septic digestion of the food, so that tobacco users and drunkards are in about the same condition to be exposed to the evil results by the use of narcotic poisons as related to in this report. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, as a religious body condemn the use of tobacco in any form (non medical) by the members of this Conference.

Resolved that we highly appreciate the noble work and grand efforts of temperance reform being done by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. And further be it

Resolved that we condemn altogether the liquor traffic either by high or low license. And lastly be it

Resolved that every member in this Conference that uses tobacco in any form be given six months to quit, so that by the next annual Session we will be free from tobacco stained mouths in which we may use the sanctified tongue of right.

May God help you.

Isaac N. Ross
Sandy Christian
Richard Brown
Carter Wright
John W. Riley

To the twenty-fourth Session of the Pittsburg Conference:

Resolved that the delegates elected by the above named Conference to represent the same in the General Conference, which will be held in Bethel A. M. E. Church, Philadelpha, May, 1892 are hereby instructed to use their influence and vote that the Presiding Elder system be made optional with the several Annual Conferences, where there are less than two thousand members in a Presiding Elder district. Be it further

Resolved that they are instructed to vote to have the law changed so as to meet this end.

W. S. Lowry
G. G. Skinner
J. M. Morris
B. Wheeler

STATE OF THE CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

To the Bishop and Conference.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of "The State of The Church and Country" submits for your consideration the following:

The Christian church is rising higher and higher and is becoming more and more conspicuous and powerful. The "stone cut out of the mountain, without hands" is becoming a great mountain and is filling the earth. The fruit of the handfull of corn planted on the top of the mountain is shaking like Lebanon. The influence of Christianity is more widely felt to-day than ever before.

We rejoice to see the multiplicity of agents at work to exalt the name of our blessed Redeemer, and to raise humanity to a higher plane of morality and religion. Bible societies, placing the Bible in every house and within the reach of all, Ministerial Evangelical Associations, bringing the heralds of the Cross together for council and instruction, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, gathering of both sexes without respect to denomination, all who will join in the work of sowing seeds of truth, the W. C. T. U,, having for their object the restraining and destruction of the liquor traffic, the international Sunday school lessons, tract societies and many other agencies are unifying the forces of the Christian church and hastening on the day when the world shall be filled with the glory of God.

Our own African M. E Church is in a healthy condition and is assuming immense proportions. The voice of the A. M. E. preachers is heard all over our own land; and the islands of the sea and the continent of Africa have heard the good news and glad tidings of salvation from the lips of our missionaries. God is moving forward in the hearts of the people from conquering to conquer, and we have great faith in the ability of the captain of our salvation to lead on the conquering army until they hoist the banner stained with his own blood everywhere and before all the people of the earth.

Our country is still being saved. No foes from without threaten our peace and happiness by invading our borders to interfere with the working of the machinery of our government. The convenient and pleasant facilities for travel and transportation bring the different sections of our land close together, so that, the touch of the one is receiving the sympathy and co-operation of the other. We admire the form of Republican government, and believe it to be the best in the world. We are in sympathy with American institutions, and are willing to stand by them and protect their interests at all hazards and under all circumstances.

We are glad to have witnessed the progress of this nation toward higher civilization, but we regret that it is a fact that the arm of the government seems to be too weak to protect all her citizens. We are sorry to say that this seeming weakness is but the result of prejudice toward the people who were held in bondage for nearly two hundred and fifty years in this country. As a race we cannot

afford quietly to compromise our manhood by submitting to anything else but recognition as men and citizens in every sense of the word.

Resolved that we urge in every honorable way, by earnest and persistent effort, and by agitating all along the line representation in every calling and every station which they may be capable of filling.

Resolved, that we believe that the Christian Sabbath should be regarded as a holy day and not as a holiday, and we will labor for the proper observance of the same

Resolved, that the great tide of immigration constantly coming in upon us has in it some dangerous features, and that the government should use every possible means to prevent a non-American influence from spreading over our land

Resolved, that the Conference is opposed to the opening of the World's Fair, to be held in the city of Chicago, Ill in 1893, on the Sabbath day as we believe it would be in opposition to the spirit of the American idea, and we are sure it would be in opposition to the teachings of the Word of God.

Cornelius Asbury
S. H. Lacy
C. A. McGee

FIRST AND SECOND YEARS' STUDIES

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your committee on First and Second Years Studies most respectfully submit the following report.

We have examined Bros. Price Andrew Scott and Timothy Dwight Scott on the duties of a deacon in our church. They have a fair knowledge of the function of a deacon. Therefore we recommend them as proper persons to be ordained Deacons in our church.

B. Wheeler
Wm. H. Palmer
Wm. H. Brown

Allegheny City Pa., Sept. 26, 1891.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburgh Conference:

We, your committee on the First and Second Years Studies have examined the following candidates and recommend them for local Deacon orders: Thomas Simmons, Charles Garner and Sylvester Burrell. Wm. F. Baker. not passed They having passed the necessary examination of 70 per cent, and having recommendations from the churches which they represent. We also recommend Bro. Joseph H. Artope to be ordained deacon for a travelling work, he having passed, 80 per cent required, and having a recommendation from his church. We further recommend that Bros. Scott Jones, T. Jackson Andrew West be continued in the first year.

B. F. Wheeler
W. H. Brown
W. H. Palmer, M. D.

ADMISSION.

Allegheny City Pa., Sept. 26.

We, your committee on admission beg leave to submit the following report.

We have examined the following brethren on admission, per Discipline, and find the percentage accordingly affixed to their names.

Timothy Dwight Scott	100
Joseph H. Artope	100
Price A. Scott	95
John William Amiss	60
John William Saunders	57
John Nelson Carter	50

We, therefore, recommend the admission of all except the 50 per cent.

G. C. Sampson
J. W. Riley.
Geo. G. Skinner

Whereas the members, friends and patrons of this church have opened their homes and extended hospitality to the members of this Conference and entertained us beyond our ability to express,

Resolved that we extend our heart-felt thanks for the same.

Jas. W. Lavatt
C. H Brown
J. W. Jeffries

DUQUESNE, ALLEGHENY CO., PA.

(New Work taken up.)

To the Bishop and Conference at Allegheny, Pa., Sept. 25, 1891.

We, the stewards and trustees of the A. M. E. Church desire to make the following report.

Paid Pastor Alexander	$20.00
Dollar Money	5.00
Paid on Lot	69 76
Total Raised	$94.76

We have bought a lot 90 by 110 feet on one of the leading streets in our town.

Number of Full Members	9
Stewards	3
Trustees	3

We submit this for your consideration.

Jas. W. Alexander, Pastor.
Melissa Holmes, Secretary

To the twenty-fourth session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, now assembled in Brown Chapel A. M. E. Church, Allegheny City:

Whereas a part of the Pittsburg Conference includes part of

West Virginia, and it being an important field of labor, therefore be it

Resolved that we petition the General Conference, which meets in Philadelphia, May, 1892, to grant permission to organize the state of West Virginia into a missionary conference, to be supported in part by the general missionary fund. And be it further

Resolved that the delegates elected by this Conference be instructed to vote and use their influence for the accomplishment of the same.

W. S. Lowry
D. S. Bentley
C. A. McGee

Allegheny, City Pa., Sept. 30. 1891.

We, your judges on the Prize Essay Contest, beg leave to submit the following remarks, and our decision in said contest.

Our method of criticism being according to diction; including punctuation, spelling, use of capitals, penmanship, thought and manner of delivery. Rev. Carter Wright not being present we could not consider him a competitor in the awarding of prizes. Brother Wright's paper contains but little punctuation, most of it being in the wrong place No attention was given whatever to the division of words at the end of a line. The writing is fair, but the spelling is not the best; such mistakes, "Jusus" for "Jesus", "exhist" for "exist" are hardly to be excused,

The next paper considered was that of Rev. Williams. The paper contains but little correct punctuation. His paper, not the correct style for essays; the spelling excellent; the position on the rostrum commendable, but the paper was held too near the face. In the first part of the Brother's essay, plagiarism played a prominent part. We would like to say to the Brother, "Be thyself,"

The third paper considered was that of Rev. Lavatt; his punctuation was not good, but few misspelt words; while the use of capitals and arrangement of sentences was fair. His great error was made in presenting good propositions; but he failed in reaching logical conclusions. His postion upon the rostrum was not good.

The fourth and last paper considered was that of the Rev. Richard Brown. Few misspelt words were found in the essay. The use of capitals was poor; but the arrangement and thought was very good. The penmanship was excellent.

We now beg leave to submit our decision. And in the decision we award to the Rev. Richard Brown the first prize, as in our judgement his paper comes the closest to the standard laid down. To Bro. Williams, we award the second prize. We will say in conclusion, that the contest between Brothers Lavatt and Williams was quite close, and had there been a third prize it certainly would have been won by Rev. Lavatt. His failure was due alone to his not reaching conclusions after the proposition had been made. We say in short

the papers on a whole are a credit to any race, to any people.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. R. C. Ransom,
Anna R. Patterson,
Rev. W. J. Johnson.

NINTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 22 1891.

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church: Greetings:

With profound gratitude to Almighty God for the wonderful manner in which he has blessed me in the discharge of the duties of the position which I have occupied for the past nine years, I, with a feeling of inexpressible gladness, take great pleasure in informing you that your SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION is now entirely free of any and every kind of debt. The last dollar of indebtedness on the property was paid July 14th, 1891.

The value of your SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION property, based upon the amount we have actually expended for it, is thirty thousand dollars. The business now amounts to about twenty thousand dollars per year, so that the aggregate value of the property and the business is fifty thousand dollars. There is a steady and growing interest in the work of this department. The business is rapidly increasing and the results attained therefrom are highly gratifying.

The CHILDREN'S DAY contributsons for 1891 amount to six thousand five hundred dollars. The total CHILDREN'S DAY contributions for this quadrennium, amount to twenty-four thousand, one hundred seven dollars and sixty-six cents, an increase of eight thousand, one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and forty six cents over the quadrennium from 1884 to 1888.

The total receipts for this quadrennium, exclusive of any loans, will exceed eighty-thousand dollars, an increase of more than forty thousand dollars over the past quadrennium.

The circulation of our Sunday School literature is constantly increasing. For the third quarter in 1891 we issued eighty-three thousand Scholar,s Quarterlies.

Every Annual Conference has done its duty towards this Department this quadrennium, while our beloved Bishops have been untiring in their efforts to promote its interests.

As this is my last annual statement before the meeting of the General Conference, I desire to express my sincere thanks to all who have in any way contributed to the success of this Department.

Wishing you abundant success both in your conference work and in your individual concerns, and recognizing that to God belongs all the glory and all the praise for the success of this Department,

Fraternally, C. S. SMITH,
Secretary A. M. E. SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

Allegheny City Pa, Sept, 30. 1891.

To the Bishop and members of the Preachers' Aid Society.

I beg leave to make the following report: Since we last meet, God in his Providence has taken from our ranks two of our dear brethren, viz:

Bros David Lewis and T. H. Cyus. Rev David Lewis who was a grand and good man. His humility and simplicity would in spite of every thing else take hold of you and compel you to love the man, when he took the stand to preach the word you could but feel God was in and with him he almost died in his pulpit. He leave a wife and five children to mourn his loss.—We raised and paid to his widow ($31 00) Thirty-One Dollars, which was raised in Conference. Also Rev T. H. Cyus. Who has been long afflicted, and who often gladened our hearts by his songs and prayers, Passed in to the upper and better Kingdom. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. We raised for her $15 00 by the following brethren who answer to the call Viz: I. N. Ross, C Ashury, Geo. C. Sampson, H. Johnson, W. N. Young. W. H Pride, J W. Amiss, A. Smothers, O T Davis, J. M. Morris, I. B. Till, Cyrus Woodson, B. Wheeler. P. Bowman, D. S Bentley. Received from all sources.

In hand last year	$57.75
Received on Death of T. H. Cyus.	15 00
" " " " David Lewis.	31 00
Total	$183.75
	46.50
Balance in hand.	$56 25
Paid out for printing Call	1 50
Paid on Death of D. Lewis	31.00
" " " T. H. Cyus	15.00
Total out lay.	$47.50
Received Annual Dues this year.	45 00
In hand at Conferece	56 25
In hand at present	$10125.

All of which I respectfully submit Geo. C. Sampson, Treasurer.

Allegheny City Sept. 1891.

To the Bishop and Members of the Literary and Historical Society of the Pittsburg Conference—

I beg leave to submit the following report:

Left in my hands at last report	$11.50
Paid out for prizes	11.00
Balance	50cts.
Paid over to the present Treasurer elect, Rev. B. Wheeler,	50cts.

Geo. C. Sampson, Treasurer.

The following subscription is to be paid January 1st, 1892, to Proffessor P. Shorter, Treasurer of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce Ohio.

I. N. Ross and Wife $10.00 J. W Jeffries and Wife $10 00 D. S. Bently $25,00 W. H. Brown $10.00 Dr. C. Asbnry $15.00 W. S. Lowry and Wife $25.00 G. C. Sampson $15 00 Mrs. Sarah Wright $5,00 Rev. T. A. West $5 00 Rev. J. J Norris $5.00 Rev. G. G. Skinner $5,00 Rev. C. A. McGee $10.00 Rev. P. Bowman (Pd. $1,00) $5.00 Rev. C. Wright $5.00 Rev, S. Burrel $5.00 Rev. R. H. Morris (Pd. $1.00) $4,00 Rev. W. T. Baker and Wife $5 00 Rev. T. D. Scott and Wife $10.00 Rev. C. H. Brown and Wife $5.00 Rev. S. C. Honesty $5,00 J. W Riley $5.00 W. H. Pride and Wife $10.00 Rev. B. Wheeler $10.00 Mrs. E. Wilson, Allegheny $5.00 I. B, Till and Wife $2,50 Rev. Alex. Smothers and Wife $7.50 Mr. H. W. Jones Pd. $1·00 Mr. Julius Page Sub. $3.00 Mr. John Lewis $3.00 D. E. Snyder 22 White Oak Alley $5,00 Mr. Joshua Frazer $5,00 Miss Sophia Truby East End $3,00 Mrs. H. Solomon $2.00 Miss Lillia Graham $1,00 Mrs. Wilson $5 00 Mr. Scott Coleman $2.00 Mrs. A. H. Smith Bradford $2.00 J. M. Morris $5.00

CASH PAID.

Rev. W. S. Lowry $5 00 Rev. G. C. Sampson $1.00 J. H. Artope $1.00 Rev. T. Bowman $1.00 Rev, B. Wheeler $5.00 Rev. R. H. Morris $1.00 J: H· Pangburn $1·00 W N. Young and Wife $5. J. W. Lavatt and Wife $5. J. W. Williams and Wife $5. R. M. Henderson and Wife $5. H. G. Thomas $5 C. N. Woodson and Wife ten dollars H. Johnson five dollars O. T, Davis and Wife five dollars M. S Jones and wife four dollars Kate Willock two dollars T. J, Simons and Wife five doilars R. Tanner and wife five dollars D. J. Johnson and Wife five dollars Sandy Christian and wife five dollars, J. M. Morris $1,00.

Subscription.	$339 50
Cash.	$37.25
Total Cash and Subscriptions.	$376.75
Cash paid Bishop Arnett	$37.25.

Allegheny City, Pa.

The Preachers Aid Society met, with President B. Wheeler in the chair. Each member, as their name was called, answered by paying their dues (one dollar), amounting to sixty.six dollars.

On motion of Rev, Riley that the roll be called and each member pay the sum of one dollar on the death of Rev. Lewis. So ordered. (To be reconsidered.) On motion of Rev. Skinner that the balance of the funeral expenses of Rev. David Lewis, amounting to $8.50 ruled out of order. On motion of W H, Brown that the society pay the balance of $8.50 and three weeks' benefits.

On motion of J. W. Riley that the old officers be continued. Ordered. On motion that the Preachers Aid Society stay adjourned until the call of the President.

7:30 P. M.—Preachers' Aid Society opened with President B. Wheeler, in the chair. Divine services conducted by Rev. S. T. Jones.

The minutes of the morning session were read. On motion of Rev. Lowry that the minutes stand approved. So ordered. The Treasurer, Rev G. C. Sampson made his annual report. On motion of Rev. Lowry that the report of the treasurer be received and adopted. So ordered.

On motion of Rev. Lowry that the Treasurer give bonds per law of constitution. So ordered.

On motion that the amount of twenty-one dollars due to Sister Lewis from assessment be paid. So ordered. On motion of Rev. Morris that all brethren that have not paid be requested to pay within thirty days.

On motion of Rev. Bentley that the notes and papers belonging to the Preachers' Aid be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to take the papers, and collect the same in ninety days. On motion of Rev. Ross that there be a book purchased to record the minutes in. So ordered.

On motion of Rev. Sampson that the Preachers' Aid Society adjourn. So ordered.

DONATION.

C. Asbury, W H. Brown, J. M. Morris, B. Wheeler, J. Norris R. Tanner, J. W. Riley, R. Brown, R. H. Morris, W. H. Palmer, R. W. Henderson, Skinner, H. G. Johnson, H. J. Thomas, C. N. Woodson, Ross, I. B. Till, Honesty, A. E. Waldon, Daniel S, Bentley, Wm, W. Jenkins, Chas. H. Brown, Carter Wright, C. A. McGee, A. Smothers, G. C. Sampson, J. W. Lavatt, S. Christian, W. H. Pride, D. J. Johnson, Davis, Jeffries, Cyrus Brown, T. A. J. West, M. Scott Jones, T. D. Scott, J. Amis, Geo. W. Webster. Reuben H. Baker, J. H. Pangburn, S. T. Jones, W. G. Ralph, W. N Young, J. J. Jones, J. W Saunders, Price A. Scott, Charles Garner, J. W. Jones, T. J. Simmons, W. S. Lowry, B. Morgan, Enoch Gilchrist, Israel Kelly, Geo. B. Knox, Joseph Bell, John L. Griffith, James Bruien, Peter Bowman, Sylvester Burrell.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSESSMENT.

Waverly, $3.70; Canonsburg, $6.25; Brownsville, $5.15; West Newton, $4.25; Wilkesbarre, $4.25; Uniontown, $6.00; East End $9.25; Monongahela City, $3.50; Bradford, $3.00; Meadville, $3.25; Allegheny City, $5.00; New Brighton, $5.50; Bellefonte, $5.25; Oil City, $8.25; Elizabeth, $6 50; Williamsport, $7,50; Altoona, $3.75; Connellsville, $3.00; Greensburg, $2 00; Waynesburg, $2.00; Lewistown, $3.00; Clarksburg, $1.6 ; Scranton, $5.25; Franklin, $3.00; Phillipsburg, $2.65; Parkersburg, $2.00 South Side, $3.00; Bedford, $2.60; West Middletown, $1.0 ; Milton Mission, $2.25; Erie, $3.00; McDonald, $1.0 ; Wheeling, $4.50; Homestead, $4.50; Bridgewater $3.00; Charleston, 50; Wylie Ave. $15.00; Brown Chapel, $12.00; Washington, $6.00.

DOLLAR MONEY.

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Franklin, Pa.,—Rev. S. H. Lacy, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar: Alfred Simmons, Alfred Thomas, Julia Braxton, Malinda Wigfall, Seth Steven-, J. S. Lawson, Josephine Patterson. Lucinda Stevens, C. W. Henderson. Douglass Fields, Elijah Burke. The following persons paid fifty cents: Rev. James Lawson. Agustus Thomas, Mary A. Lawson, Mary Fields, Anna Clark, Sarah Minor, Emanuel Patterson, Alfred McGuire, Cathrine Burgess, Esther Francis. The following paid twenty five, twenty, ten, and five cents each: Malinda Strange. Amy Scott, William Scott. Joseph Stony, Molly Fields Eddie Burgess, W. J. Thomas. Total, $17.20.

Monongahela, City. Pa ,--Rev W. H, Palmer Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar. Rev. G. W. Ralph Anna L. Jones, Caroline West, Ollie Jones, Elizabeth Ralph, J. W. Saunders, Joseph A. Jones, James Alexander, James Jones, R. B. Jones, E. N. Thompson, Presley Irvin, Mary B. Anderson, Ella Bowman. The following persons paid seventy and fifty cents. Mrs. Emma Myers, Richard Oliver, Mrs. Martha Alexander, Louisa Crable. Bella Irvin, Amanda Thompson, Miss Emma Irvin, Mrs. Ellen Ralph, Moses Jones, McKeesport, Rosa Straughter, Clara Jones, Mrs. Daughety, Catherine Oliver, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Fredrick Randolph, William Jones, David Furgerson, Margret Furgerson, George Woodson, Herment West,

Milton Mission.—H. G. Thomas, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar. Geo. Hecter, Wm. Marshall, Mary Hecter, Ellen Johnson, Edward Carter, S. A. Jones, Geo. Henry, Andrew Henry and L. A. Campbell. The following persons paid fifty cents Emma Collins and Chas. Butts, Henry Collins paid seventy-five cents. Susan Kennedy paid one dollar. Ellen Smith paid fifty cents. Vinson Smith and Harry Smith each paid twenty-five cents. Pearl Smith, Bertha Thomas fifteen cents.

Duquense Pa.,—James Alexander Pastor.

The following persons one dollar. Thomas Weaver, Harrison Weaver, The following paid fifty cents. Mily Morton, Elizabeth Weaver Rachel Morton, Malisie Holmes, J. W. Alexander. Sister Morton. Total, $4.00.

Washington Pa.,—J. M Morris Pastor. St. Paul, A. M. E. Church. The following persons paid one dollar each:

Reuben Baker, Charles Hall, Christopoher Patterson, Timothy Chatman, Sarah J. Golden, Deborah Miner, Alford Crochett, B. J. M. Brown, John Davis, Lizzie Hall, R. M. Morris. Rose Tucker, Isaac Williams, Nimrod Grason, Margret Williams, Baxton Barber, Jane Chatman, Frank Coal, Minnie Jones, G. W. Durham, Ella Fry, Julia Patterson, Clara Berry, Nannie. Mosby, C. A. Green, Samuel Shorter,

Susan Banks, Ella Brown, Emma Lotterberry, Mary Mull. G W Cain, W Redman, Hannah Bolden, Caroline Berry Margret Chatman, J. Lotterberry, Rosie Frame, Abraham Berry, Mary Crockett, W. Manley, A G. Skinner, Annie Wasler. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Annie Workman, Annie Banks Laura Skinner, Sarah Banks, Cathrine Banker, Bell Skinner, Amelia Henderson, Annie Nelson, Hannah Lane, Sala Pearl, Francis Patterson, Rachel White, Nannie Patterson, Birdie Durham, Sarah Durham, Nercisser Asbury, Annie Pearl, Phthermer Bundy, Thomas McDoll, Thomas Banks, Annie Cury, Elias Woods, Wm. Cury Annie Banks.

Total $53.23

Erie, Pa , A. M. E. Church.—R. Brown, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar: Annie Johnson, Ida Lawson, John Valintine, J. H. Thompson, Rebecca Thompson, Sintha Sinclair, Nellie Harden, Marah Valintine Caroline Thornton, Mary E Brown, Minnie Brown, Sarah Powers, Nancy Rector, Mariah Rector, Mary E. Lawson, Matilda Davis. The following persons paid fifty cents: Frank Brown, Lucy A. Brown, Katie Brown, Chas. Davis, Benjamin Milegan paid twenty-five cents.

Collected one dollar and twenty five cents.

Total $16 00.

Boon Mission, W. Va., —Rev. E. Bazier, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Sallie Perry, Josephine Perry, Sarah Smoot, Joseph Banks, Harriet Banks.

Total $5.00

New Haven Station, Paynes Chapel.—J. J, Norris Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Wm. Colman, Luvenia Colman, F Fox, A. G Taylor, B. J. Jones, Jessie McDonald, Sadie Mo-sett, Louise Hews, Margret Jones, Johnson Fox, J. Richardson, Frances Richardson, Elizabeth Ross, Wm Cager, Emma Cager, Lidda Freeman, Annie Jackson, John A. Brown, Mary White. S T. McFall, Annie Moore, Katie Jackson, Taylor Conner, Henry Mills, Catherine Lupton, Mollie Asbury, Elsa Gardner, D. B. Jackson, Hattie Wallace Chas. Asbury, Geo. Jackson seventy-five cents America Brown paid fifty cents, Wesley Mills thirty-five cents.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Harriet Barker, Sadie Betters, Ella Williams, Annie Barker.

Grand total, $33.15

Wheeling W. Va.,—J. J. Jones Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Jas. Hunt, James Strange, Charles Johnson, Robt. Johnson, Geo. Howard; Sists L. Bradford, Lizzie Jackson, Julia Johnson, Anna Poindexter, Sarah Lotterberry, Darkus Barber, Mollie Polk, Lucy West, Jessie Johnson. The following persons paid fifty cents: Bro. Winters, Sister Winter, Anna Whiteing, Emma King. Total, $17.00.

Bethal A M. E. Church —Parkersburg, W. Va, T. D. Scott Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Maria Johnson, Jane Carter Ellen Smith, Frank Bartlett, Hattie Lotterberry, Catherine

Taylor, Fidelia Wilson, H. P. Jones, T. D. Scott, M. L. Scott Eli Watson Frances Watson Lottie Brooks Melissia Lotterbery Malinda Allen York Jones. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Lewis McKinley Scott Lilian Eliza Scott James Smith Robert Lotterberry Elizabeth Lotterberry Columbia Jackson. Total $20.00.

Howard Place A. M. E. Church—Scranton Pa R. Tanner Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Sists. Harris Florence Lily, Nancy Tanner Maria Jones Hattie Burgitt Bros. Brown J. A. Walker Lewis Morton G. Miller Harry Sampson Benj. Burgitt Mr. Marshall. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Sists. Brown Williams Miller Morton Anderson Sallie Lewis Pattie Jackson Rosa Jackson Irena Tanner G. Keyser Cash 25 cents. Total $17.75

Bedford, Pa. Circuit.—H. Johnson, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar each: George Bell John Dangerfield Joseph N. Bruce Jane Johnson Nancy Watkins Susan Bush Tillie Dangerfield The following persons paid fifty cents each: James Wagner Ellen Wagner Thornton Thompson Mary Stewart Susan Miller Mary L. Bell Lillie Barks Preston Stewart. The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Lida Watkins Stella Watkins Rebecca Thomas. Total $11.75

Bridgewater Circuit Pa.—Rev. J. W. Jeffries Pastor

The following persons paid one dollar each: Kate Harris A. W. Tanner Katie Boice S Mosley, Wm Lee J. Palmer Annie Peters, Minnie Tanner Bertha Overby Sidney Freeman Lucy Tanner Clara Ash, Eliazbeth Simpson Mary Bradly Bella Johnson J. W. Rutler Kate Ford Hattie Carter Lewis Ash David Simpson H. E. Butler The following persons paid seventy five cents each: Nancy Evans Elizabeth Lee J. N. Carter Elizabeth Orhorn. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Thornton G. Viney Mercilla Butler Ruth Webster Minnie Tanner W. N. Butler. The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Thomas D. Evans Clara Ford Agnes E. Evans Nelson Scroggins Jane Carter James E. Evans. The following persons paid ten cents each: Frank Evans Bertha Evans. Total $28.70.

Sewickly Pa.—Rev J. W. Jefferies Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Saddie Dungee Mary Dickerson Jennie Johnson Lewis P. Costly Leighton Morris Kate Williard Elizabeth Fleming Eliza Jones Amy Jackson W. E. Williams Ellen Costly Mary E. Williams Jane Moreland. The following persons paid one dollar each: Martha J Morris Josephine Mossett Emma Cox, O. C. Merrimen Matilda Brown E. A. Jefferies The following persons paid twenty five cents. Samuel Williard Amanda Pryor Virginia Jefferies. Total $16 75. From both places $45.45

Brown Chapel with Bellevue Mission attached. I. N. Ross, Pastor.

Each of the following paid $1.00.—Benjamin Vaughn, M. J. Austin; Lillie Dorkins, Hettie Smith, J. H. Graham, Sarah Henry,

J. T. Darkins, Maudie Brown, Joseph L. Smith, Henrietta Jones, David Lee, W. M. Smith, Scott Coleman, H. M. Peterson, Rachel George, Sarah Dickson, Nancy Ransom, J. Bissell, M. P. Zimmerman, A. W. Berry, Margaret Willoughby, Isabella Miller, Sister H. King, Annie Streets, Annie B. Brooks, Dora V. Howard, Laura C. Taylor, Nathan Peterson, John W. Snowden, Master Douglass Patterson, E. J. Cox, E. Wilson, Carrie F. Robinson, Sister Overhall, H. H. Caswell, L. Snyder, Lucy Lee, H Williams Martha Williams, Annie Gates, Emma Moore. Jordan Botts, Mertie C. Jones, John Lewis, Richard Hunter, Mary E. Snowden, Ruthie J. Jones, Florence R. Jones, Singleton Willis, J. H. Clark, Mary Sloffer, S. Burrell, Catherine Davis, Henry M. Jones, Sallie Craben, J. H. Page, J. P. Jackson, George Stoner, Nellie Smith; Emma Timpson, C. A. Pool, M. J. Snowden, James A. Wilson, Julius Page; Mason Washington; Katie Speaks, Lucy Roberts, Sarah Clark, S. G. Stanton, Katie Bruffurt, Hattie Pier, Emma Miller, Priscilla Crunkelton, Martha Johnson, Lucy Austin; Sarah A. Sterling, Susan K. Buckner, C. E. Butler, H. W. Jones, A. Tompkins, Lydia Johnson, A. J. Johnson, Jacob Long, Alfred Bay, Finley Cuff, Joseph K Crunkelton, Nedie M Miller, Clifton E. Snyder, Jane Barnes, Mrs. Robinson; Eliza Paxton, S E Sanders, L E. Proctor, C Mercy, Muray Timpson, George Veneson Mrs. Morris Orchall, Mrs. Mary Prawles, Louis Queen, S. E Pearson; E. Graham; Eliza J. Fisher, W. M Warfield, Lillie Warfield, Carrie White, Sarah Green and Fannie Querles, H. P. Wilson. Emily A. Johnson Caroline Fields G. G. Crunkelton each paid $1 00

Hezekiah Roberts, T. Bundy; Emma Long, Catherine Thomas; Jennie H. Page, C. Stafford, C. S. Phillips 60c, Catherine Davis, Eva Tuzzee, Samuel Whalin; Thaddeus Montgomery; Moses Miner, George Cook; J. B. Anthony. Georgianna Bruce Alice Davis; Jennie Sawyers, Israel Kelley Cash Carrie F. Crunkelton Henry Crunkelton Lillie Washington, Mary E. Roberts Amanda Smith Josephine Cook Fanny Whitely Elizabeth Moore Annie Conn Katie Montgomery Charles Sloffer and Mary Brooks paid $.50 each,

Matilda Hall paid $1.20; Jessie S. Jones, $1.25; Brother Henry 25c and an unknown friend $.50.

Total $129.80,

Bloomsburg Circuit

The following persons paid one dollar each: Abaham Jones Matina Anderson A J. Price Mary E. Jordon James Jordon. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Cora Jordon Ida M. Hamilton J. W. Henson Rachel Henson Charles Stuckey Emerline Hawkins Nellie C. Melix J. C. Millix. The following person pasd twenty five cents: Mahaley Stuckey. Total $9 25

McDonald Pa.,—Rev. Sandy Christian Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Jennie Williams Lizzie Christian Clara Fowlks Archie Fowlks John DavisW. Green. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Sallie Brown, P. Brown John Williams.

Waynesburgh—T. A J. West Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar: W. T. Baker C. S. Hickey D. O Ferrel A Bruce Sarah A. Baker Martha Ferrel Emily Baker Mary F. Warkman Margret Ponyon Daisy Ferrel Maggie Carter Ellen Turner Louisa Workman Mary E Hickey J. A. Turner Adline Stewart Delia Setels A. E. Fuller Elizabeth Hickey Mary E. Stewart Catheren Workman. The following persons paid seventy cents each: Martha T. Stewart Mary T. Coston L. Ferrel. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Annie Beckwith John Stewart Emily Stewart Nettie Baker Catherine Manley James Baker Nellie Workman Mary Robinson Margret Rodman Henry Turner forty five cents The following persons paid twenty five cents each A. B. Ferrel Rebeckah Jackson Anna Bruce Ada McHenry Ida Baker Mary Stewart James Hickey Edward Jackson H. Manley. Total $30 45

St, James, Pittsburgh, E. E. - Geo. C. Sampson, Pastor.

Martha A. D. Sampson, Sophy Truly, Harriet Solomon, Lou Sanders, M. A. Hopkins, William Beasley, S. A. Corben G. W. Grant. Jane White, Jane Anderson, Catherine Dow, Walter Grinage, Mary Grinage, Bell Burleigh, Sadie Paul, Samuel Branson John Paul, Francis Bullett, Annie Johnson, Florence V. Harding, Robert Paul, Ida Paul, Lusinda Baker, Emma Wilson, Maggie Crotett, Robert Beasley, Mattie Beasley, Amanda Branson, Jennie Branson, Jennie Hall, Chas. Bullett, Martha Edwards, Adam Bullett J. H. Jackson, Lillie Bailey, Emma J. McTerry, Tillie Graham, W. A. Brooks, Phoebe McGill, Robert Stevenson, Rosa Stevenson, Chas. Pennewell, Alice Scott, Chas Addison, Alex. Sanders, Saleina Dent, Sarah Forbush, Ellen Banks, Nannie Anderson, Julia L. Washington, Hannah Green, Minnie Nelson, Mary Roberts, T. R. Haley, Sarah Roberson, Emanuel Blood, George Bullett, Laura Bullett, Mary Addison, Mary Hill, Gertie Butler, Florence Harden, Mary Cromton, Georganna Cromton, William Thompson, Sarah Knox, Bessie Meddely, Robert Wheeler, L. J. Burleigh, B. W. Burleigh, Rachel Catten. James W. Brown, Laura Harden, Hester L. Wilhiams, Albert White, Ella Baley, Maggie Johnson, Henry Lewis, Joseph Singleton, Lucinda Thompson, Annie Bailey, Oscar Vaughn, Norman Soloman, Lizzie Adams, Annie Branson, Henry Singelton, Samuel Cuff, Johnnie Solomon, Samuel White, W. C. Rafitie, John Stevenson, Julia Knox, James A. Rolls, Solomon Richardson, E. E. Obrien, Jennie Oliver, Amie Singelton, Louis Collins, Hester Jackson, Lula Aster, Nelson Scott and Chas Basher Mary O'Brien paid $1.00 each.

Amie D. Sampson, Mabel Stevenson, Mary Butler, Amanda Smith, Lillie Harned, Frank Simmons Lucinda Pennewell, Maurice Merideth, Charles Anderson, Susan Moody, R. E Frazier, Hattie Pernell, Rosa Singelton and E. Strathers paid 50c. each.

A. Chatman and M. C. Chatman paid 25c. each.
Total amount, $110.50.

East Elizabeth—C. H. Brown Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Francis Pangburn Elijah Pangburn Kate Holmes Alexander Kelly Jane Martin Annie McFarland Lilly Saunders Maggie Norris Harriet Saunders Laura Simmons Amos Martin Catherine Martin Tilly Saunders Phillip Cochran Parthenia Haddox D. B Scott Sarah Scott A. W. Scott A. J. Batch James W. Batch Martha Tippins James Tippins Sarah Fletcher Hannah Matthews T. J Davidson Hannah Davidson Amanda Holmes Margaret Simmons Isephine Holmes Lyn Gee, Washington Simmons Francis Saunders M. J. House F D House Rosie Billups Lizzie Bryans Mary Simmons, Annie Simmons, Workman Simmons, The following persons paid seventy five cents each: Smith Martin, Amanda Jones, Lelia Faulton. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Harrison Berry, Caleb Simmons, Luke Davidson, Isaiah B. Simmons, Mary Redmond, Rosie Pangburn, Nancy Pangburn, Edward Holmes, Mary Jones, Sarah A. Brown, J. H. Pangburn, Anna Pangburn, Z. Saunders, Annie Phillips, A. Pangburn Diana Holmes. The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Olive Martin, E Davidson, Alice Saunders, Inez Saunders, Kizzah Simmons, Henry E. Brown, Charles H. Brown, Samuel Pangburn, Allie Phillips, Maggie Phillips. The following persons paid fifteen cents: Ruth Davidson, Mamie B. Brown, Rebecca Pangburn The following persons paid ten cents: Thomas Davidson Hallie Q Brown, Robert A Batch, Adda Batch, Minnie Batch, James S. Batch, Dorcas Pangburn, Sally Pangburn. Total, $53 00

West Elizabeth—C. H. Brown Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar: Sarah Jones, Robert L. Scott, Monroe Randolph, W. H, Johnson, Mary Johnson Beverly Morris, Effie Randolph, John Scott. Luella Scott, Lafayette Randolph, Hattie Randolph, Mary Brown, Eliza Anderson, R J. Anderson, James Anderson, Elvira Anderson, John Brown, Emma Smith, Matissa Armstrong, Charles Armstrong. The following persons paid twenty five cents: Mark Andrews, Lafayette Randolph. Total $20 50 Grand Total $73 50

Altoona, Pa,—R. M. Henderson Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar. Martha Stokes, Sarah Redman, Mary Ann Shorter, Sarah Warley, Pheby Ann Johnson Aaron Powell, Nancy Powell John Alexander, P. B. Shorter Geo, W. Green Eliza A. Shorter, Maggie Love, Hattie Hollinger, Jennie Thompson, C. W. Brown Emma C, Brown Maggie Paul D. C. Johnson, Sarah Posey. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Mary A. Wilson S. J. Johnson J. B. Brown L. B. Brown M. A. Ukkerd. Total $15.00

Bradford Pa,

The following persons paid one dollar each: C. B. Draper A. H. Smith O. J. Taylor E J. Pride E. V Bladon Martha Butler Mollie B. Shelton Sarah L. Taylor W. D. Lucas George Brown Thomas

Thompson . W. Price Joseph Bradley. The following persons paid seventy five cents each: Kate Rutherford E. Blackwell. The following persons paid fifty cents each; S. A. Lucas S. Orange Aaron Bladen , Beulah Drapers twenty five cents.

Kane Pa.

The followinig persons paid one dollar each: Harry Rose James House J. C. McKenney Albert Baker. Total $20,25

Huntingdon Circuit—J Willams Pastor.

Charles Slaughter paid one dollar. The following persons paid fifty cents: Aaron Vincent, Elizabeth Palmer, Henrietta Murrells, Henrietta Vincent, Hannah Burrells, John Murrells, J. W. Brown. The following persons paid twenty-five cents: Maria Williams, Jane Brown, Sarah Keeth, M J. Hall, Arminty Mursells, Isabella Eddy.

Cannonsburg Pa.,—George G. Skinner Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: John Davis Chancller Staunton, John Cain, John E. Harper Rachel Wilson, Maria Lotterberry, Abram Lotterberry, Maggie Williams, Joseph Norman, John D. Woods. Annie Hayden, Solomon Albert, Isaac Lotterbery, Mary Paterson, Wilham Thomas, Warner Washington, Adam Bell, Charles H. Hill, Eliza J. Burgess, Martha J. Brown, Jerry Burgess, Sr. Carrie Bell, Phebia Vactor,s Julia Curry, Eliza Wheeler, David Caldwell. Cathrine Williams, George Williams, Isabella Henderson. Robert Price, Hannah Brown, John Wilkins, B. C. Watson, Mansfield Brown, Sarah West, Mary Robinson, James Vactor, Neal Kellis, Cornelia Prawl, Virginia Sluby, John Patterson, Christopher Davis, Alfaed Bush, Samu l Cuery, John Webster, George Walls. Rachel Warfield, Joseph Bryant, Cyrus M. Brown, Ruth Brown Lucinda Alberts, William Brooks, William Hunter, Sarah Cardick, Samuel A. Warfield, Jennie Bird, Edward Robinson, Louisa Bartly, Alice Norman, George Sluby, $1.50 Samson Collins, 75c. Ezekiel, Betts, 60c. Bazli Henderson, 75c Margret Henderson. 75. Andrew Adams. 75c. 50c each M. E. Johnson, J. Burgess, Eli Butcher, M. C. Hill Liath Robinson, Margret Sluby, John Morgan, Sarah Morgan, Sophia Harper, Mollie Warfield, Lizzie Henderson, Maggie Thomas, Mary J. Hill, Elias Woods, George Lotterberry, John S. Johnson, Rebecca Shearer, Peter Wheeler, Sarah A. J. Wheeler, Thomas I. Johns, Elizabeth Washington, Solomon Alberts, Jr. Mazie McGaw, James Burgess, Amis Burgess, Lon Catton, Rachel Wilkins, Charles Matthews, Edward Robinson, Mary C. Matthews, George Payne, Amy Payne, Earnest Caldwell, Hattie Warfield, Jane Bell, Etla Skinner, Mary Scott, Alice Robinson, Cathrine Alberts Mary Bush, Thomas Wheeler, Margret McCoby, Jennie Walls, Maggie Wheeler, Ada Fullum, Samuel Bush, Nancy Burgess, John Burgess, Emma J. West, Joseph Patterson, Mathi Patterson, Joseph Butler, Mary Butler, Moses, Bush, Annie Bush. Mary Fullum, Joseph Hilton, Julia Chambers. Rhoda Walls Susan Walls, Thos. Adams and Martha Adams $1 00 each. The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Lydia Henderson Charles Burgess Nannie Hendson.

Jennie Pool. The following persons paid ten cents each: Blaine Vactor, Willie Vactor, Luther Wheeler, Lottie West, Maggie West, John Wheeler, Mattie Wheeler, Callie West, Mattaline Wheeler, Estella Black, Elva Wheeler, Cora B. Pearl Roberta Prawl, Jennie Wheeler Lee Wheeler Eva Henderson Eva Chambers Della Chambers Emma Chambers. Total $100.00

South Side, Pittsburgh.—R H Morris, Pastor.

The following named persons paid one dollar each. George Goodman, Thomas Henderson, Matilda Henderson, John Henderson, Susan Smith, Jennie Smith, John Miller, Mrs. Geo. Jackson, Matilda Jackson, Eliza Williams, Ellen Randalls, John Carver, Anna Clark, Elizabeth Fletcher, Wm. Randall, Charles Jackson, Frances Williams, Relda Harris, David Williams, Mary Jackson, Nie Smith, Amelia Brown, Wm. Smith, Wm. Garrett, Margaret Favor. James Brown, Robert Harris, Flora Favor, Simon Shelton, John A. Smith, Shem Bowles, Phoebe Anderson, Cathaim West, M. J. Waters, Eveline Waters, Emma Dickson, Estella Lefridge, Clara Steele, Wm. Fletcher.

Each of the following paid fifty cents, Sadie Clark, Frances Steward, Lucy Shelton, Minnie Henderson.

Lizzie Payne paid twenty-five cents, and Linnie Bell, ten cents. Total for the charge, $41.85.

Clarksburg, W, Va,—J. W Amiss, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Flora Giles, Agnes Ogden, Gay McGee, Lucy Johnson.

Each of the following paid fifty cents: Allen Lee, Sophia Lee, Nannie Carter, Maria Brent, Total, $7.00.

Phillipsburg, Pa,—O. T. Davis, Pastor,

The following persons paid one dollar each: E. Onley, C. Carter, Jones K. Jackson, A, T. Davis, E. Carter, E. M. Bush.

E Onley, paid fifty cents. J. Carter and C. Clark paid twenty-five cents each.

Curwensville, Pa.

Each of the following paid one dollar: L. S. Taylor, Hattie Taylor, Lettie Jones, S. Coral, Sarah Braxton.

Della Johnson and Anna Jones paid fifty cents each. Warren Taylor paid ten cents,

Total, $14.25.

St. Paul's, Uniontown, Pa.—C. Wright, Pastor.

Each of the following persons paid one dollor: Mahulda Oaks, Mary Betters, Rosa St. Clair, Alexander Belt, Eliza Moxley, E. J. Scott, Mary A. Curry, Minerva Jenkins, Albert Henry, Bell Blue, Huton Skinner, Henry Bolden, Josephine Hackney, C. A. Jenkins, Emmerly Grant, Elizabeth Grant Melinda Jackson, L. C. Jones, Mary H. Jackson, Edis Robinson, Anne Baxter, Hatta Johns, E. M. Curry, Fielding Walker Elizabeth Wortman Rev. H. A. Grant Solomon Clifford Emma Henderson Emma Campbell Sarah A Wright.

Those who paid fifty cents each are Louisa Shephardson, D. F. Baxter. P. C. Baxter, M. V. Baxter, H. H. Scott, M. E. Moxley, Mary J. Carter, Elizabeth Ditcher, Mary Walker, Eli Truby, Elizabeth Blue, Margaret Burges, Francis Dix, Ida Douglass, Mary Hansberry, Mrs. Lula Bolden, Rebecca Bagby, Sarah Chiseley, Nimrod McClure, L. H. Wright.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Hatta Johnson, Sally Walker, Emma Bolden, Elizabeth Truby.

Total $41,00.

Bellefonte Circuit,—S. C. Honesty, Pastor.

(Bellefonte,)

Margaret Powel, Mary Johnson, Lucy Steward, Peter Jones, Albert Steward, Adaline Lawson, Mary Pennington, Helen Mills, Fanny McDonald, Emma J. Hamer, Sarah F. Wilson, James Carter, Lettie Carter, Thomas Taylor, Rachel Taylor, Ella Thomas, Mary A. Gilmore, Nettie Palmer, Katie Miller, R. H, Nelson, Sarah E. Graham, Amelia Stephenson, Geo. Brown, W. H Mills, Celia Mills, Calvin Piper, Matilda Dorsey, Jef. Hagan, Annie Brown, Laura Dunlap, Edward Stephenson, Wm. Potter, Mamie Jackson and A. V. Jackson each paid one dollar.

Charles Geeen, Emma Green, Ella Snyder, Annie Steward, Alice Emory, Louisa Jenkins, Mariah Green, Jessie Green, Hattie Williams, Katie Dary, Mariah Jones Eddie Mayherd R. Randolph, and Fanny Pennington paid fifty cents each. Flora Patterson paid seventy-five cents. Total $40 73.

(Lock Haven.)

P. D Brown, Mary Brown, Lucinda Stiles, Sarah Whiting, David Hamilton, Robert Butler, Clara Butler, Charles Brown, Ed. Whiting, B. F. Brown and Jane Brown each paid one dollar. James Tyler, Josie Tyler and D. J. Loyd paid fifty cents each. W H Burr paid seventy-five cents. Total $13.25.

Grand Total, $54.00.

Tyrone,—Chas. Garner, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Emley B. Johnson· A. P. Lancaster, S. J. Lancaster, A. B Plowden. G. W. Williams. J. E. Willis Daniel Milton G. W. Bryant S· E Abel C. G. Garner Neal Thompson 75c, The following persons paid fifty cents each: Abbie Hunter Susan Thomas Nancy Plowden W. Pondexter C. H. Thompson Mary Garner and J. M. Garner 25c. Total $14.00

West Middletown Circuit. - W. N. Young, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: William Tollum, Jennie Patterson, Lizzie Day, Mary Catherine Johnson, John Payne, Jane Webster, Mary Payne, David Payne, James Webster, Coeta Bozier and Martha Harris.

Each of the following paid fifty cents: William Dunlap, Emma Wallace, George Kelley, Edmonia Harris, Thomas Kelley, Eliza Humphrey, Sarah Harris and Sarah Proctor. Mary France gave

thirty-five cents, and Elenor Follum, twenty-five cents.

(Wellsburg, W. Va.)

Phillis Edwards paid one dollar. Emily Johnson. Annie Johnson, Crissie Green and Samuel C. Johnson paid twenty-five cents, and Sanford Johnson Sarah Boman Sadie Decombs and Ruth Timbers gave fifteen cents each.

Total $18 50.

Montrose Pa.—C. N. Woodson Pastor.

The following paid one dollar each: George Battle. Nimrod Slaughter, P. P. Norris, Ben Nailor, Jane Wilson, Jane Norris, Catharine Battle, Estaline Slaughter and Laura Wilson.

Henry Battle and D. Whycuff gave fifty cents each.

(Waverly, Pa.)

The following persons paid one dollar each: John B. Johnson, Elizabeth Thomas, Catherine Bradley, Edanatious Thomas, Susan Sampson, Susan Baker, Lewis Parks, Sarah Lee, Fannie Sampson.

Each of the following paid fifty cents: Joanna Johnson, Loyd C. Lee, Frank R. Johnson, Lily P. Smith.

Total, $22.00.

Brownsville, Pa.—G. W. Webster, Pastor.

Jane Check, Maggie Smith, Mary E. Black, B R. H. Tilghman, John Yates, Emma Flood, Elizabeth Alexander, Clara Carpenter, Sarah Thornton and Eliza Banks paid one dollar each.

Benjamin Simpson, Jane Honesty, James Manings, Hester Gorden, Wm. Gorden, Belle Alexander, Ruthena Honesty, Wilson Terell, Elizabeth Simpson, Mary A. Turner, Hannah Baker, Elizabeth Hamilton, Daniel Johns, Henna Bolden, Mary A. Crable, S. P. West, Hester A. Crable, Georgeanna Crable, Dora West, Noah West, Jane Simpson, John Baker, Mary Bolden, James Black, Rebecca King, C. O. Johns, Zorah Johns, Wm. Bolden, Sadie Workman, Thomas Sorrell, Mary Sorrell, Henry Mossett. Henry Payton, J. M. Lannon, Thomas Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes, Wm. Florence, Jennie Florence, Charles E. Wheeler, Carrie Wheeler, Rosetta Jackson, Nelson Honesty, C. K. Strange, Grace Strange and John H Alexander paid fifty cents each

Margaret Simpson, Wilson Simpson, Maggie Thomas, Lorena Mossett, Georgetta Mossett, John Florence, Robt. Lannon, Dr. Robert Young, Mary C. Smith, Martha Bolden, Caroline Bolden, Margaret Young, Sarah J. West, Minnie Wallace, O. Wallace, Howard Wallace, Louisa Mossett, Robt. Payton, Stewart Payton, John Honesty, Ida Honesty and Minton York each paid twenty-five cents.

Anna Gorden and Samuel Honesty paid forty cents each. Dora Maxwell gave thirty-five cents; Dudley West, fifteen cents, Robert Bolden, Hannah J. West, Lena R. West and W H. Smith ten cents each; E. West. M I. West, M. S West, Flora West and Noah West, five cents each; Zorah Bird three cents, and Frank Jones. two cents.

Total. $40 00

Chartier A. M. E. Church—Rev. J. W. Lavatte Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: George Dexter, Jas. Slofer, Rebecca Slofer, John H Ridgley, Daniel Dorsey, Annie Delany, Laura Steward, Lizzie Dorsey, Wm. Robinson, Joshua Frazier, Charles Carroll, Irene Hill, Josephine Carroll, Hattie Richards, paid 75c. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Wm. Minor, Sister Manny, Joseph Richards, John Gross, Jennie Lucas,

Wilkesbarre—I, B. Till Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Eliza Rollins, William Brown, Mary Miller, M. J. Robertson, Adam Woodson, Jane Patterson, Jane Phoenix, Henry Johnson, Margret Schockey, Albert Lee, Samuel Patterson, Henry Wethington, Robert McCartney-Henry Miller, Malise Powell, Albert Wyet George Gaines, Cornelius Pegrame, Alice Logan, Catherine Norman, Isaac Rollins, Martha Rasper, Mary J. Richardson, Robert Chesman, George Young, Elminia Williams, William Mickens, Hartville Miller, Lila Johnson, John Branch, Mabolda Brown, Agustus Edison, Emma Thompson, Samuel Norman, Catherine Nelson, Mary Woodson, Henery Richard-Elizebeth Mickens, Hattie Logan, Alice Patterson, John Fernman, Thomas Robrtson, Anna Downing, Mary J. Smith, Sarah D Smith. John Williams, Ida McCrabb. Total, $45.50.

Oil City—W. S. Lowry. Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Thomas Spence Jerry Williams M. A. Walker, Charles Simons, C. Simons, John Jackson, T. Gray, Major Franklin, Peter Bryant, Rev. J. Lucas, C. Oberson, Robert Manner Anna C. Johnson Levi Newson Mary Newson P. J. Hill Robert Gray L. T. Bryant Carrie Peterson Bessie Lucas S. T. Lucas Mrs. S. T. Lucas Annie Hutcison. The following persons paid seventy five each: Jennie Jackson L. Bassett. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Wesley Paul Emma Hill Ellen Green Lida Fraulin Jessie Barrett Lousia Williams Joseph Gray Ruth Hopkins The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Rev. R M. Green, Mrs R. M. Green.

Titusville—W. S. Lowry Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Rev. George White, John Keney, F M Rakes, Julia M. Richards, Margret Brown, James Rollins, John Clark, Annie E. Jackson, Mattie Neal, George Umphry, Mary F. Umphry, Annie L. White, Laura Neal, Catherine Hector. Elizabeth Degroff; Francis A. Johnson, Mary J. Neal, Annie Miner, J. H Thomas, M. J. C. Thomas George Scott, E. Hawkins M. E. Taylor J. Rollins E Degroff W. Hector J. Neal John Douglass, Eva Hall, Nancy Scott. The following persons paid seventy five cents each: M. A. Hemsley S. E. Samuels Levi Samuels Francis Riley Annie M. Riley Libbie Byres. Total amount for Oil City and Titusville $62.00

Little Bethel—Greensburg A M. E. Church.

The following persons paid one dollar; T. J. Simmons John Muncey Francis Cheeks W. H. Washington A E. Butler J. W.

Brown, Lee Little Vincent Stokes Emery Stokes Chas. Stokes, Rachel Stokes Harriet F. Webster. The following persons paid fifty cents: Ida Stewart Mary Stokes Lizzie Muncey Mary Washington. Total $14.00

Williamsport Pa.,—Rev. B. Wheeler Pastor,

The following persons paid one dollar each: Mary E. Stevenson, L. T. Stevenson. Mary Willis, Mary Blue, Burkly Blue, Hannah Blue, Louisa Blue, Jeremiah Blue, Rebecca Robinson, Anna Frazier, Catherine Summers, Hannah Green, Fannie Cyus, Mary Cross, Elizabeth Obrien, Alonza Watson, Charlott Dorkins, Wm. Alexander, Victoria Branson, Jane Jackson, Nancy Peterson, Caroline Williams, Sarah Gross, Elizabeth Wheeler, Sarah Jones, Jobe Jones, Mary Green, Mary Emery, Josephine Groff, Christina Jones, Mary Anderson, Anna Williams, Cornelia Bazen, Elizabeth Dunn, Anna Fairfax, Willis Branson, Lottie Jones, David Blue, Charlott Blue, Elias Alexander, John Brown, Jennie Brown, Harry Dorsey, Harriet Watson, Isaiah White, Anna M. White, Sarah Williams, Anna Black Katie Alexander, Elizabeth Hutchins, M. M. Wood, Maggie J. Wood, Mary Wagner, Charlott Coleman, Hester Newman, Henry Newman Jos. Anderson, Angeline Anderson, Maggie Alexander, Mary Frances, George Butler, Margaret Brooks, Sarah Stokse, Anna Butler, Mariah Westley. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Sims Emery, Anna Wheeler, A. E. Burss, Nervelis Matuas, Catherine Davis, Elizabeth Wilson. Maggie Lee, Emma White, Belle Russell, Mamie Russell, Sarah Hollingsworth, Mary Lyons, Howard Bulter paid one dollar each.

The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Bessie Wood, Sarah Conrad, Bella Wood. Total, $73.00.

Wayman Chapel New Brighton Pa.,—A. E. Waldon Pastor,

The following persons paid one dollar each: Annie Leland Daniel Sims, Julius Bush, John Holland, Lottie Bruien, John W. Bruien, Ida Rose, Colly Laury, James M. Webster, James Bruien, Annie Bruien, Lina Webster, Littie Early, Thomas H. Smith, Maggie Washington, Minnie Saundries, Eliza Johnson, Katie Phenoid, Lizzie Butler, Mary Simms, Emley Saundries, Annie M. Wares, Annie Anderson, Mary C. Leland, V. Steward, Alfred Jackson, Lucy Jackson, Amelia Jackson, Lizzie Dawson, Georgie Webb, Sadie Kisiner, A. E. Lee, Harrison Dawson, Annie Webb, Edward Williams.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Mamie Webster, Miss Kain, Total, $36.50

West Newton Circiut—J. W. Riley Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: M. E. Miles, Katie Guff, Vashel Catlin, Alice Humbert, M. L. Martin, Mary Sterling, Reuben Long, Harrison Brown, Broaden Bibby, Mary Bibby Martha Clark, R. H. Logan, Emma Hall, Brass Clark, Lewis Fisher, James Butler, K. V. Logan, Penny Griffin, Jennie Scott, Lewis Gray, Pearl Clark, L. J Denny, L. E. Christian, W H. Christian.

Boston Laney, Adam Golden, Georgia Grayson, Mary Green, Samuel Spriggs, Mary Settles. The following persons paid fifty cents each: G. W. Jordan Benj. Brunson Sarah Long Olevia Derri t Bailey Green Lizzie Green Mary A Fisher Celestia H, Brown David Derritt E. A. Bowman Elijah Cyrus Mary E Jordon Rosa Catlin Mamie Logan Etna Robinson Mamie Robinson Saddie Culquhoun, Jane Spriggs Sarah A. Hackett. The following persons paid twenty five cents; each: S. M Burford M. E. Catlin Martha Brunson Maggie Griffin Lucy Bowman James Norris Robert Griffin Georgia Bowman L. F. Denny Henrietta Dickson paid twenty cents Total $40.45

South Burgettstown Pa —Cyrus Brown Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Jane Perry Harrison Cowen. Total $2.00

Charleston W. Va. —P. A. Scott Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Hannah Morris S. S. Dandridge. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Lucy J. Jefferson, Mrs John White Cora Hubbard Susan Rayburn. Totol $4.00

Pleasant Pa. – J. W. Jones Pastor

The following persons paid fifty cents each: David Norris Sarah Norris Ella Langly. The following persons paid twenty-five cents cents: Nora Davis Elizabeth Ross Lyddie Norris Isabell Norris Isaac Ross Samuel Ross Norman Davis 10c. Rev. J. W. Jones 45c Total $4.00

Wylie Avenue Pittsburgh Pa.—Cornelius Asbury Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Fielding Banks Barney Mahoney George B, Knox W. Butler Elizabeth Peck Taylor Jones, R. W. Scott Lucy Knox R zin Snowden, Emanuel Jackson Lydia Cain, M. J. Dickson Henry Myers Archie Ball Page W Douse Maggie Douse Sarah Tolliver W. Banks Harry Kinner Mary E. Kinner Geo. W. Massey T Turner Margaret R. Thompson John Bell Susan Poranson William N. Page Samuel Golden John Golden Mrs. Golden Susan Sly A. F. Lawson Fuller H. Black Jennie Winn David James Margaret Jones David Gordon Fredrick Ragan Julia Washington Birdie Woodson Lucietia Tyler Emma Arter Catharine Kerr, William Highgate, Francis Highgate Jennie Woodson May Fields Richard Crowley J. J. Pollard Lizzie R. Gibson Adam Watkins Edward Dammond Sandy Thomas Elizabeth Hawkins Martha Ramey Robert Brady, Stephen Cox, Charles M. Palmer, B. W. Thomas, Gracie P. Offer, M. C. Fields, Mrs. Hall, Charles H. Jones, William Punch, Willis Austin, Mrs, J. Johnson, James T. Brown, Esau Reed, Hannah Clarkson, Mary V. Brady, James Kane, Carrie Ball, John W. Howard, Mary B. Smith, Sarah Halliburton, W P. Robison, Abraham Winn, Charles Long, Robert Jackson, Sr , Daniel Johnson, G. S. Taylor Georgie Punch, Rachel Jones, James H. Johnson, Walter A. Billows, M. J. Billows, A. I. Billows, H P. Halliburton, Josephine Baltimore, Isabella Banks, Margaret Bacchus, J. H.

Bacchus, G. Anglin, George Stacker, Nancy Thompson, William C. Fox, Cornelius A. Jackson, Florence Billows, Annie L Moseby, J. Edwards, R. F. Sawyer, M. A. Sawyer, A Baltimore, H. Robinson Carrie Coates, William Coates. Ellen Coates, S. B Mahoney, W. H. S, Rodgers, Thomas Monroe, Rebecca S. Cox, Harry Dodds, Lettie Strange, Thomas Spriggs, G. J. Washington, Robert T. Pierce, C. V. Washington, C. L Johnson, William E. Mason. Mary L. Southern. Lucy Austin, Sterling Austin, Georgie Ragan, D. H. Barnettt, Carrie Barnett, T. R. Roach; Nelson J. Miles V. W. Beckett, Sadie Coster; Charles O'Donnell, Della O Donnell, M. L. Graves. S. D. Roach, Sarah Palmer, Louisa Gould, Tenie Bell. Margaret Highgates, Margaret Jackson, William Hendersn, Mary Robinson, John Austin, Moses Watson, Mary Watson, Martha Black, Henry Stanton. Anderson Roy, Asbury Thompson, Emma Thompson, J. H. Moss, Robert Jackson, Jr. J. B. Walker, Lousia S. Asbury, Owen Reed, Eliza Reed, Cal Reed, Charles A. Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Bell Singleton. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Julia Palmer, Sophia Foggs, John Foggs, Sophia Johnson, W. H. Hilton, Kate Clark, Helen E. Gales, G. Austin, C. G. Austin, Thomas J. Gatewood, Sarah Smallwood, M. Francis Hilton, Louisa Lacey, R R. Thompson, Samuel Taylor, Lizzie Taylor, Clara Dimmey. Hannah Carter. Carrie Ragan, Fredrick Regan. Mary Murry Martha Simpson, Katie Sawyer, Mrs. Henry Myers, Lavinia Baltimore Benjamin. Young, Sarah Robinson, James W. Dickson, Will Ora. Asbury Ambrose, W. Asbury. John Thompson and Rhoda Logan, each paid 75c. Mrs Jackson, Catharine Derrey and R Wheeler, each paid 25c. Hannah Barnes paid $3,00. Total, $182 00

Homestead, Pa, – Rev. A. Smothers.

Elizabeth Bryan T. Clark, B. F. Scott, Mamie Smothers; C. Johnston, H. Burket, Alice Clark, Thomas Jackson and James Berket each paid one dollar.

Elizabeth Jackson and Sadie Randolph paid fifty cents each. Mollie Bryans paid twenty-five cents. Maggie Clark, James Clark and John Clark each paid ten cents.

Total, $9.50.

Bradock Pa ,– Rev. A. Smothers Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Thos. Thompso, Lucy Walker, G. W. Walker, Sadie Patterson, Liza Hamilton Haddy Anderson, Ida Lee, Annie Jackson, Wm. M. Davis, Lucy Arnold.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Sister Jefferson, C. H. Arnold, A. Yates, Mary Yates, Mary Erwin, Malissia Simmons. Total, $14.00 Grand total $23.50.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

Dollar Money Received - - - - - -	$1,542 55
Contingent " - - - - -	106 43
Educational " and paid to Pres. S, T. Mitchel	174 86
Mite Missionary " - Mary A. Campbell Treas.	133 06
Missionary " - - - - -	368 87
Bible Cause " " " " paid to Agent	34 07
Mission Money from Rev. J. M. Morris	55 00
Placed in the hands of Treas.	$2,414 84
Disposed as follows.	
Paid Dr J. H. Handy 60 per cent. of dollar money	$927 73
" Superanuated Preachers Rev. S. T. Jones	80 00
" " " " Rev. W. G. Ralph	75 00
Paid to Widow Clarice West	30 00
" " " Grace P. Offer	30 00
" " " Anna E Jackson	30 00
" " " Fannie Cyus	30 00
" " " Mrs. Watts	30 00
" " " Roseta Jackson and 2 children	40 00
" " " Matilda Lewis " 4 "	50 00
" " " Mary S. Russell " 5 "	55 00
" " " Margaret Evens " 2 "	40 00
Paid Funeral expense of Bro David Lewis	30 00
" " " " Bro F. D. Denny	25 00
Traveling expense and incidentals of Bishop D. A. Payne D. D.	45 00
Taaveling expenses Bishop B. W. Arnett D. D.	55 00
Incidentals paid Rev. I. N. Ross	35 00
Stationery	7 40
Paid Sec'y. Rev. R. H. Morris	$10 00
" Assistant Sec'y.	5 00
" Satistical secretary	5 00
" Sexton	7 00
" Dr. B. F. Lee Conference supplies	4 45
" Rev. Chas. McGee. P.E.	$100 00
" Rev. Sandy Christian $15 00 and $9 20 left in the hands of Rev. J. D Riley from Brownsville	24 20
" Chas. Garner	5 00
" Cyus Brown	2 00
" Cyrus Woodson	10 00
" Hutchinson Johnson	7 00
" H. G. Thomas	7 00
" Jenkins Williams	5 00
" D. J. Johnson	2 00
" J. J Norris	18 00
" R. M. Henderson	7 00

" D. J. Johnson	5 00
" Richard Brown	15 00
" W. H. Pride	15 00
" J. W. Jones	10 00
" James Alexander	3 00
" J. W. Amiss	7 00
" W. N, Young	10 00
" T. D Scott	10 00
" P. A. Scott	10 00
" To Payne's Theological Seminary	100 00
" Rev. W. H. Brown for deficency on salary	10 00
Jessie Jones for nursing Bishop D. A. Payne	12 00
Mrs. Rachel George for board and care	5 00
To Rev. W. H. Brown for Miscellanys	12 00
For Ambulance to move Bishop to Depot	5 00
Jenkins Williams	7 00
Hack for escorts	2 00
Dispatching	4 80
For cuts Rev. S. T. Jones and W H. Ralph	12 00
Total	$2,416 12

For money's sent see report, Geo. C. Sampson Treas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

To the Bishop and Conference:

It is with sorry that your Committee reports the death of two of our venerable Bishops Rt. Rev. R. R. Disney, of the 8th Episcopal District, who fell asleep April 20, 1891. and Rt. Rev. J. P. Campbell, D. D. LL. D., who went to be with the Lord August 9. 1891. Thus in one year the Lord has been pleased to retire from their labors two of our beloved fathers.

BISHOP R. R. DISNEY.

Your committee is unable to give many data concerning the life of Bishop Disney. He was born in Maryland, 1829, ordained Bishop in the British M. E. Church, 1876. By the terms of the organic union formed between that church and the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1884 he became one of the bishops of the African M. E. Church, fifteenth in order, and was assigned to the Ninth Episcopal District, embracing the Canada, Nova Scotia, Bermuda, Demarara and St. Thomas Conferences; In 1888 he was assigned to the 8th Episcopal District, comprising the Arkansas, West Arkansas and South Arkansas; Mississippi and North Mississippi Conference. While in the superintendence of this work the Lord took him.

Bishop Disney was courageous, thrifty and persevering, of genial spirit and suave manners. His conception of his duty led him to spend much time in the field of labor, which subjected him to the malarious climate of

Arkansas, that proved too much for his constitution. Bishop Disney leaves a widow.

BISHOP JABEZ P. CAMPBELL, D. D., LL. D.

Bishop Jabez Pitt Campbell, the son of Anthony and Catherine Campbell, was born Feb. 6, 1815, in Slaughter Neck, Sussex County, Delaware where he was converted Dec. 25, 1825. He was licensed to preach in 1837, in Bethel Church, Philadelphia, by Bishop Morris Brown, and was soon after sent to fill a vacancy in a circuit in Bucks County, Pa. In 1840 he was sent to New England. He was admitted to the New York Conference in Brooklyn 1841. He was sent from the Conference to visit Noah C. Cannon, Missionary to New England. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Morris Brown in Providence, R. I., 1841, and Elder by the same Bishop at the New York Conference in New York City, June 1843. The following have been his appointments: Bucks County, Pa., 1837, three years and eight months; Providence and New Bedford, New England; Albany, 1842; one year; Hudson City, 1843, two years; Herkimer and Schohare, 1847–49; Buffalo, 1850–52; Bethel, N. Y. City, 1852–53; Flushing, L. I., 1853–54 Union Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1854–56; Book agent, 1856–58; Wesley Church, Phiadelphia, Pa., 1858-60; Trenton, N. J., 1860–62; Bethel, Philadelphia, Pa., 1862–63; In 1863 he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference and stationed at Waters Chapel and St. Johns, 1864; Ebenezer, Baltimore, April, 1864.

EPISCOPAL WORK.

He was elected Bishop May 16, and ordained May 23, 1864, in Bethel Church, Philadelphia, by Bishop Wm. P. Quinn. His Episcopal work in 1864-68 comprised the Mississippi and Arkansas Conferences.

1868-72 he presided over the First District, composed of Philadelphia, New York and New England Conferences.

1872-76 he had charge ef the South Carolina, Baltimore and Virginia Conferences.

1876-80, the Conferences in the States of Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

1880-84 he had charge of the Fifth District, composed of the States of Kentucky and Tennessee.

1884-88 he had charge of the Third District, composed of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

1888-91 he had charge of the Second District, composed of the Baltimore, Virginia and North Carolina Conference:. In charge of this latter District he died.

He has organized the following Conferences:

California Conference, 1865, April 6, San. Francisco, Cal.

Louisianna Conference, 1865, Nov. 1, New Orleans.

Arkansas Conference, 1868, Nov. 19, Little Rock.

North Mississippi, 1877, Nov. 15, Cold Water,

East Florida, 1878, Oct. 27, Palatka.

North Alabama, 1878, Dec., Florence.

West Kentucky, 188[illegible], Oct., Paducah.

San Domingo, 1887, May, Santo Domingo City.

Hayti, 1887, May, Port-au-Prince.

Bermuda, 1885, assisting Bishop Disney, Hamilton.

Michigan, 1887, Aug. 24, Battle Creek.

He was a Knight of Pythias, was made a member of the Order of Good Templars, July 15, 1879, in Liverpool, England.

In 1864 he was Fraternal Delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, sitting in old St. George Church, Philadelphia, out of which Richard Allen had come. This was Richard Allen, through Jabez Pitt Campbell, returning home to the Methodist Episcopal Church, after more than half a century's absence, reporting the triumphs that God had given him. He reported to them in enthusiastic language the progress of our connection, and was enthusiastically replied to.

In 1879 he was Fraternal Messenger of the A. M. E. Church to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, England.

In 1884 he was made President of the General Board of Education.

In 1887 he succeeded Bishop Shorter as President of the Missionary Board.

In 1888 he was made President of the Financial Board.

From 1883 to 1891 he was President of the Trustee Board of Wilberforce University, and President of the Tawawa Sunday School Assembly.

He was married in the City of New York, Oct. 23, 1844, to Mrs. Stella Medley, of Providence, R. I. After her death he was married to Mrs. Mary Ann Shire, in Philadelphia, June 7, 1855.

Wilberforce University conferred the degree of D. D. upon him, and the University of Pennsylvania the degree of LL. D.

He was a man of vigorous movements, high spirits and strong affections, a preacher of more than ordinary powers, a theologian worthy of high respect and a good example of what God is able to make of a penniless and almost slave boy.

His spirit of benevolence was large. Besides contributing at a single gift $1000 to Wilberforce University, he distributed many hundreds, possibly thousands, of dollars in systematic charities in the city of Philadelphia. He leaves a widow and other relatives.

In view of the above,

Be it Resolved, That this Conference, in common with the whole connection, the Christian Church and humanity, feels its loss and looks to God for comfort and guidance in its sorrow.

Resolved, That we tender our Christian sympathies to the widows, assuring them of our fraternal interest in their welfare.

REV. M. EDWARD BRYANT, D. D.

Your committee is also apprised of the demise of the Rev. M. Edward Bryant, D. D., late editior of the Southern Christian Recorder, who fell asleep in Mobile, Alabama, Feb. 15, 1891.

The Rev. M. E. Bryant was a native of Alabama. Educated at Atlanta University, he had prosecuted his studies privately and become quite a scholarly minister. He was a member of the North Alabama Conference. For several years he was its acknowledged leader. His entire ministerial work was done in Alabama. He edited a paper in Selma, Ala. prior to 1888 His temerity, which sometimes reached the point of rashness, brought trouble upon him, but in all he presented a good character. He was deeply interested in the African race-variety. The general Conference of 1888 elected him editor of the Southern Christian Recorder, which paper he was strengthening greatly, when suddenly the hand of death fell upon him.

There has been called from our ranks, and our own Conference.—

Brothers Fredrick D. Denny, Thomas H. Cyus, and David Lewis.

Bro. Denny was a young man who gave promise of great usefulness but while serving his appointment at Monongahela City Pa., he was stricken down, and after a lingering illness he passed away to join the host above.

Bro. Cyus, suffered a lingering illness for more than a year, but at last his Physical strength gave way and his soul went out and up to God whom he loved to serve. Bro. Lewis a tried and true soldier of the Cross, a man who knew no task too hard to undertake, but under every perplexity and disappointment he stood up and declared by word and action that God's grace was sufficient for him. While in the discharge of his duty as a herald of the cross, the hand of affliction was laid upon him; when he could no longer bear the scorching fevers and racking pains he yielded to the inevitable, closed his eyes in death and joined the army above.

We will say of these our sleeping brethren they are

"Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershadowed, sweetly their souls may rest."

Death has been felt among the laity, taking from our midst, Sister Isabella Tanner, Mother of Rt. Rev. Benjamin Tucker Tanner, and Elder Richard Tanner of the Pittsburg conference.—A good mother and a noble christian woman departed this life at the very ripe age of 86 years. On March 27 Mr. John Tanner, son of Elder Richard Tanner, left us and joined the company on the other side.

Sister Celia Thomas, Wife of Rev. Hartly G. Thomas departed this life Oct. 30, 1890, and went sweeping through the gates of the New Jeruselem to be with God.

January 23, 1891, Rose Ella J. Brown bid farewell to all earthly sorrows, and went to live with Jesus.

We are filled with profound sadness when we recognize the fact that they are gone from us for ever, but as we realize the truth that they are gone

"To a land of pure delight where Saints immortal reign.
Where infinite day exclude the night and pleasures banish pain."

Sadness gives way to hope, and we resolve by God's grace to meet them in heaven to part no never. Telegraphic message brings news of the death of the mother of Elder Carter Wright which occurred yesterday. In view of the above, Be it RESOLVED That the conference in common with the whole connection, the christian church and humanity, feels its loss and looks to God for comfort and guidance in its sorrow

RESOLVED That we cherish the memory of their piety, their courage and their labors for Christ.

RESOLVED That we tender our christian sympathies to the widows, and children, assuring them of our paternal interest in their welfare.

RESOLVED That we dedicate a place in our minutes to the memory of our deceased Bishops and general officers, placing their portraits therein.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. Lee. D. D.
G. G. Skinner.
J. J. Norris.
Committee.

BISHOP JABEZ P. CAMPBELL, D. D., LL. D.

Born in Slaughter Neck, Deleware, Feb 6th, 1815; ordained Bishop in Philadelphia, May 23rd. 1864; died in Philadelphia, August 9th, 1891.

BISHOP R. R. DISNEY.

Born in Maryland, 1829, ordained Bishop in the British M. E. Church 1876. Died April 20th, 1891.

RT. REV. DANIEL A. PAYNE, D. D. LL. D.

Was ordained Bishop in New York City, in May, 1852. Is President of the S. S. Union and Chancellor of Wilberforce University. At present he has charge of the Third Episcopal District, including Ohio, Pittsburgh and North Ohio Conferences.

RT. REV. BENJAMIN W. ARNETT,

Was born at Brownsville Pa. Ordained Bishop in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1888. He is President of the Board of Education and Vice President of the Trustees of Wilberforce University. At present has charge of the South Carolina, Columbia, Florida, East Florida and Baltimore Conferences.

REV. M. EDWARD BRYANT, D. D.

Was born in Opalika, Ala. Dec. 15th: 1853. elected Editor of the Southern Christian Recorder. May 1888: Died in Mobile Ala. Feb. 15th. 1891.

REV. WILLIAM G. RALPH,

Born May 8th, 1810, in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pa. Converted in 1828 at a camp meeting held by Revs. Thos. Lawrence and Samuel Clingman. Licensed to exhort by Rev. Fayette Davis; licensed to preach by Rev. Augustus Green. Filled the following appointments: Uniontown Circuit, Marietta, Ohio; Steubenville, Ohio; Brownsville, Pa.; Altoona, Pa.; Bloomsburg, Pa.; Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Youngstown, Ohio; Clarksburg, W. Va.; Sewickley, Pa. He has been connected with the A. M. E. Church continuously from the time of his conversion. His administration at the above places was marked with signal success. He now sustains a superannuated relation to the Conference, his residence being situated at Monongahela City, Pa. He is highly respected as a father in the gospel among the brethren of the Pittsburg Conference, and his standing in the community in which he resides is that of an honest, trustworthy christian citizen. He meets his Conference regularly every year, and the presence of none is more highly appreciated than his.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elders.	Contingent.	Bible Cause.	Missionary Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.	Educational Purposes	Building and Repairs.	For all Purposes.	How long on present appointment
Wylie Avenue	C. Asbury, D. D.	$182 00	$1,200 00	$160 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$60 00	$90 25		816 00	$2,560 75	1
East End	George C. Sampson,	110 00	1,017 00	83 30	2 00	4 00	15 50	53 60		725 00	2,015 10	1
Williamsport	B. Wheeler,	73 00	729 21	89 75	1 05		28 01	18 91		1,091 69	2,113 62	4
Bellefonte	S. C. Honesty,	54 55	539 31	50 70	50	50	10 31	18 11		106 20	782 20	1
Homestead	A. Smothers,	23 00	500 00	40 00	25	25	8 00	6 00		800 75	1,383 30	2
Altoona	R. M. Henderson,	21 15	300 00	41 36	50	25		13 75			556 00	1
Wilkesbarre	I. B. Till,	45 00	596 00	68 52	25	6 00	5 52			300 00	925 29	1
Scranton	R. Tanner	17 15	680 00	49 16	1 41	50	14 00	12 50	4 10	426 66	1,164 98	2
Waverly	C. Woodson,	22 00	345 91	33 26	80	1 00	2 19	1 50		16 07	385 28	1
Bedford	H. Johnson,	11 50	214 27	30 00	25		4 00			167 42	364 44	3
Huntingdon	J. Williams,	6 00	250 00	30 00		50		50		49 00	311 80	1½
Bloomsburg	J. H. Artope,	9 25	225 59	16 88						122 50	373 92	3 mo
Phillipsburg	O. T. Davis,	14 10	286 00	29 00	50	50	5 00	1 50	14 25	10 00	467 69	3
Tyrone	C. Garner,	14 00	113 50	10 75	1 00	1 00	4 74			50 00	184 99	10 mo
Milton	H. G. Thomas,	13 00	260 00	18 28	25	25	1 00	10 00	5 00	104 28	346 91	2
Greensburg	T. J. Simmons,	13 00	194 88	25 70	25	25	5 00				262 26	10 mo
McDonald	Sandy Christian,	6 00	97 22	6 00							212 37	2
Brown Chapel	I. N. Ross,	129 80	1,100 00	120 00	68 95	1 40	42 00	100 00		1,326 88	3,476 55	2
Chartiers Street Church	J. W. Lavatt,	16 25	538 12	46 40	50	50	12 50	26 68		760 06	1,461 51	1
South Side	R. H. Morris,	41 85	750 00	48 00	75	70	9 85	23 96		380 84	1,257 15	1
Elizabeth	C. H. Brown,	73 50	650 00	64 00	1 00	50	33 19			370 00	1525 00	1
Oil City	W. S. Lowry,	62 00	800 00	68 00	3 18	1 75	41 64	9 00		1,000 00	1,973 69	2
Uniontown	C. Wright,	41 00	554 02	59 00	2 00	2 40	27 80	15 00		934 74	1,786 49	2
Brownsville	G. W. Webster,	40 00	401 32	47 08	1 00	52	8 50	5 00	15 00	444 84	1,009 05	9 mo
New Brighton	A. E. Waldon,	36 50	631 40	53 93	80	1 50	8 00	31 61		260 40	1,054 9	1
Monongahela	W. H. Palmer	25 00	500 00	44 90	1 00	50	6 25	20 75	4 75	788 50	1,391 65	1
West Newton	J. W. Riley	40 45	483 75	71 60	1 00	1 60	15 94	42 00	5 00	113 46	925 75	1
Erie	R. Brown,	16 00	540 00	51 11	1 00	90				212 00	857 30	3
Franklin	S. H. Lacy,	17 20	434 96	37 48	30	25	3 00			148 40	644 59	1
Bradford	W. H. Pride,	20 25	300 00	39 00	1 00	1 00	2 49	97 51		236 71	721 73	3
Pleasant Green	J. W. Jones,	4 00	10 00	12 00						95 00	100 22	
Bridgewater	J. W. Jeffries,	45 45	570 10	58 65	39	75	12 24	18 17		490 20	1,261 70	2
Meadville	S. C. Goosley,	14 00	367 98	41 21	2 03		4 10		7 42		437 31	
Duquesne		5 00										
Washington	J. M. Morris,	53 25	660 50	53 00	1 00	1 00	33 56	35 50	43 35	750 00	1,880 55	1
Cannonsburg	G. G. Skinner,	100 00	630 00	66 25	1 50	1 25	34 75	50 13	75 00	230 44	1,338 78	1
Wheeling, W. Va.	J. J. Jones,	17 00	600 00	40 00	1 00	1 00	1 20	4 00	2 00	541 41	1,239 51	1
Waynesburg	F. A. J. West,	30 45	423 00	32 00				7 35	2 35	126 03	643 75	1
West Middletown	W. N. Young,	19 50	255 58	24 00	30	50	8 28		9 40	157 84	503 60	1
Burgettstown	C. Brown,	2 00	100 00	12 10	15	25	20				112 50	2
Parkersburg W Va	T. D. Scott,	50 00	153 46	40 00	75	50		18 20		515 00	767 76	1
Charleston, W. Va.	P. A. Scott,	4 00	17 00	4 00			75			30 00	55 75	4 mo
Clarksburg, W. Va.	J. W. Amiss,	7 00	159 00	28 50			2 40				213 50	2
Boon County, W Va	E. Bazier,	5 00										
Raleigh Co., W Va.		2 75										
New Haven	J. J. Norris,	33 15	371 09	43 85	1 35	1 00	10 78			518 03	999 20	1
Grand Total		$1 552 50	$19 480 24	$1998 70	$105 96	$36 20	$192 71	$731 64	$187 62	$15,218 35	$41.914.14	

TABLE B.—STATISTICAL.

Charges.	Pastors.	Number of Members.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Churches.	Value	Indebtedness.	School	Value.	Parsonages	Value.
Wylie Avenue	C. Asbury, D. D.	469		3		1	110,000 00	20 00				
East End	George C. Sampson,	149	15	1		1	11,000 00	2,100 00				
Williamsport	B. Wheeler,	119	11	1		1	15,000 00	1,115 00				
Bellefonte	S. C. Honesty,	85	6		2	2	2,000 00	70 83				
Homestead	A. Smothers,	64		4	2	2	1,800 00	280 00				
Altoona	R. M. Henderson,	26	4			1	3,100 00	170 00				
Wilkesbarre	I. B. Till,	62	7			1	3,000 00	900 00			1	2,000 00
Scranton	R Tanner	30		3		1	4,000 00				1	3,000 00
Waverly	C. Woodson,	27	2	1		2	1,900 00	71 80				
Bedford	H. Johnson,	32		1		2	1,000 00					
Huntingdon	J. Williams,	23			3	1	1,500 00	345 00	1	200 00		
Bloomsburg	J. H. Artope,	18		1		2	1,600 00	13 00				
Phillipsburg	O. T. Davis,	19	1	1		1	550 00					
Tyrone	C. Garner,	13	2									
Milton	H. G. Thomas,	21	1		2	2	2,300 00				1	500 00
Greensburg	T. J. Simmons,	20	5	1	1	1	2,000 00	223 42				
McDonald	Sandy Christian,	12	1	1		1	1,000 00	579 67			1	300 00
Brown Chapel	I. N. Ross,	285	20	1	2	1	30,000 00	2,300 00				
Chartiers Street Church	J. W. Lavatt,	41	2	1		1	5,000 00	3,111 00			1	500 00
South Side	R. H. Morris,	56	4			1	2,200 00	29 00				
Elizabeth	C. H. Brown,	105	6		2	2	4,000 00				1	500 00
Oil City	W. S. Lowry,	107	5		3	2	10,000 00	40 00			1	500 00
Uniontown	C. Wright,	108	6		3	1	7,000 00	200 00				
Brownsville	G. W. Webster,	109	1		1	2	3,000 00	188 41				
New Brighton	A. E. Waldon,	47	12	1	1	1	3,500 00	28 61				
Monongahela	W. H. Palmer	54	4			1	7,550 00	3,272 00				
West Newton	J. W. Riley	72			2	2	3,000 00	39 00				
Erie	R. Brown,	22	1	1		1	3,000 00	239 00				
Franklin	S. H. Lacy,	25	1	1		1	1,500 00	35 00				
Bradford	W. H. Pride,	25	3			1	1,700 00					
Pleasant Green	J. W. Jones,	20				1	1,500 00					
Bridgewater	J. W. Jeffries,	53	5	2		2	3,200,00	450 00				
Meadville	S. C. Goosley,											
Duquesne												
Washington	J. M. Morris,	120	7			1	12,00000	850 00			1	1,500 00
Cannonsburg	G. G. Skinner,	157	24			1	4 500 00	78 78			1	1,500 00
Wheeling, W. Va	J. J. Jones,	29		2	1	1	5,000 00	1,066 70				
Waynesburg	T. A. J. West,	54	1	1		1	2,500 00	180 00				
West Middletown	W. N. Young,	40	16			1	300 00	294 24				
Burgettstown	C. Brown,	9	2	1								
Parkersburg, W Va	F. D. Scott,	35	1			1	5,000 00	2,100 00			1	400 00
Charleston, W Va.	P. A Scott,	7		1								
Clarksburg, W. Va.	J. W. Amiss,	3		1		1	1,000 00					
Boon County, W Va	E. Bazier,											
Raleigh Co., W. Va.												
New Haven	J. J. Norris,	38	2		2	1	3,000,00	670 00			1	300 00
Grand Total		2,881	184	56	12	50	275,000.00	21,060 46	1	200 00	11	11 000 00

TABLE C.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Charges.	Pastors.	Sunday Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Officers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Educational Purposes.	Missionary Societies.	Collected in Schools.	For other Purposes.	Col. for S. S. Missions.	S. S. Papers.	Infant Mission'y Societies	Total Collected
Wylie Avenue	C. Asbury, D. D.	1	26	7	208		42[illegible]		1	212 47		57 [illegible]	13 00	46 25	283 46
East End	George C. Sampson,	1	7	6	72	29	130		1	55 [illegible]		17 [illegible]	5 00	[illegible] 00	77 08
Williamsport	B. Wheeler,	1	18	7	122	2	200		1	77 11		20 76	4 63		102 50
Bellefonte	S. C. Honesty,	2	13	16	73	[illegible]	18[illegible]		2	54 59		10 [illegible] 4	1[illegible]	2 00	76 79
Homestead	A. Smothers,	2	6	8	42	20	166		1	64 23		2 [illegible] 0	4 [illegible]	[illegible]	70 [illegible]
Altoona	R. M. Henderson,	1	5	7	35		5 [illegible]		1	54 80		4 60	[illegible] 00		[illegible] 80
Wilkesbarre	I. B. Tili,	1	12	12	104	7	4[illegible]	26 86	1	70 00		5 24	5 24		53 86
Scranton	R Tanner	1	6	[illegible]	40	1	150		1	30 00		9 00	2 [illegible]	3 00	48 00
Waverly	C. Woodson,	2	4	5	19	[illegible]	351		1	19 72	1 31		3 [illegible]		19 72
Bedford	H. Johnson,	2	4	5	30		186					1 50	1 [illegible]		3 00
Huntingdon	J. Williams,	2	3	8	55	10	140		1	3 75				1 00	6 00
Bloomsburg	J H. Artope,	[illegible]	9	7	51	1	250			23 69			5 02		28 71
Phillipsburg	O. T. Davis,	[illegible]	6	10	53	2	330	14 25	1	[illegible] 00	45 00			9 90	69 25
Tyrone	C. Garner,	1	6	9	29	2	150		1	23 99		2 68	7 60		34 27
Milton	H. G. Thomas,	2	8	12	21	4	50		2	29 54		5 00		1 00	[illegible] 54
Greensburg	T J. Simmons,	1	[illegible]	5	23	6	136			15 00			7 18		22 18
McDonald	Sandy Christian,	1	2	3	10	6	47			6 00					6 00
Brown Chapel	I. N. Ross,	2	23	9	130	70	441		1	70 00	25 00	22 00	[illegible] 50	115 50	315 00
Chartiers Street Church	J. W. Lavatt,	1	5	4	38	2	62		1	47 69	93 00	6 00	2 05	1 [illegible]	150 74
South Side	R, H, Morris,	1	5	5	51	15	141		2	14 24		2 00	1 [illegible]		16 24
Elizabeth	C. H. Brown,	2	10	12	88	28	300		2	130 21		20 [illegible]	12 [illegible]	2 00	163 40
Oil City	W. S. Lowry,	2	12	12	150	4	405		2	110 65	5 00	12 10			127 75
Uniontown	C. Wright,	1	6	8	70	12	244		1	27 44	6 00	12 80	10 00	2 00	55 24
Brownsville	G. W. Webster,	2	8	5	50		70		1	18 88			2 00		18 88
New Brighton	A. E Waldon,	2	7	6	67	27	150		1	[illegible] 95		8 04		3 18	[illegible] 21
Monongahela,	W. H. Palmer	1	5	6	50	2	15[illegible]	18 90	1	38 60		3 [illegible]	2 00		54 50
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MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

—OF THE—

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

—OF THE—

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

—HELD AT—

Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church,

OIL CITY, PA., OCTOBER 6th to 13th, 1892.

DANIEL A. PAYNE, D. D., LL. D., *Presiding Bishop.*
Assisted by Bishop BENJAMIN W. ARNETT,
I. N. ROSS, *Book Steward.*

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ter reading the chapter, he commented upon the 4th verse of that chapter, and said "if any one said that man could not be holy, contradicted this verse, Saints are consecrated, both souls and body."

After a short explanation of the verse, the Bishop called for the Conference roll.

R. H. Morris, Secretary of last year, called the roll, and the brethren answered to their names.

Elder Sugaras T. Jones was absent. Rev. J. M. Morris said that Elder Jones was very sick.

On motion of W. H. Brown, that the present Secretary be re-elected, Carried.

Rev. R. H. Morris was re-elected Secretary-in-chief.

Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D. Recording Secretary.

Rev. Charles H. Brown Statistical Secretary.

The Bishop spoke of electing by ballot, and that it was from heathen origin, and should not be done in the Church of God. Reason stated—Corrections goes in.

Dr. A. M. Green, editor of the Southern Christian *Recorder*, was introduced to the Bishop and Conference, and given a seat within the bar of the Conference.

Rev. H. Webster, of the Presbyterian Church, of Erie, Pa., was also introduced to the Conference, and given a seat among the brethren.

Rev. D. S. Bently offered resolutions upon the return of Bishop Danial A. Payne to the 3rd Episcopal District. See Resolutions.

Said resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Bishop announced the following Standing Committees for 1892:

On State of the Church and Country:

Cornelius Asbury, J. W. Riley, Charles A. McGee.

On Sunday Schools:

Richard Tanner, Robert M. Henderson, Chas. H. Brown.

On Education:

J. M. Morris, H. G. Thomas, S. C. Honesty,
A. E. Walden, R. H. Morris.

On Bible Cause:

I. B. Till, Alexander Smothers, J. J. Norris.

On Temperance:

I. N. Ross, S. Christon, R. Brown.
C. Wright, D. F. Calsman.

On Missions:

W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson, J. W. Lavatt.

On Admissions:

G. C. Sampson, I. B. Till, G. G. Skinner,
I. N. Ross, J. W. Riley.

On First and Second Year Studies:

B. Wheeler, W. H. Palmer, W. H. Brown.

On Third and Fourth Year Studies:

C. Asbury, W. S. Lowry, R. H. Morris,
S. Bently, R. Tanner.

On Finance:

Walter S. Lowry, Isaac N. Ross, Cornelius Asbury,
Benjamin Wheeler, Jeremiah M. Morris.

On Circuits and Stations:

Rev. D. S. Bently, W. H. Brown, Charles A. McGee,
George G. Skinner, Richard Brown.

On motion of Dr. C. Asbury, that the bar of the Conference extend to fifth seat. Carried.

The Bishop appointed the following Judiciary Committee:

Carter Wright, George C. Sampson, W. G. Ralph, Richard Tanner and Samuel C. Honesty.

Rev. W. H. Palmer made a motion, that we meet at 9 a. m., and adjourn at 12, noon. Carried.

The following brethren were appointed Marshals of the Conference:

Revs. Sandy Christian and Owens T. Davis.

Rev. Dr. Jeffries, of the Presbyterian Church, of Oil City, Pa., was introduced to the Bishop and Conference, and given a seat within the bar of the Conference.

On motion that the Secretaries, W. H. Brown, D. S. Bently, and C. H. Brown, be the committee to publish the minutes. Carried.

The financial reports were called for by the Bishop.

FIRST P. E. DISTRICT.

Pittsburg, Rev. D. S. Bently, P. E.; New Haven, Richard Brown, reported; Scranton, Alexander Smothers, reported; Bloomsburg, H. Johnson, reported; Bellefonte, S. C. Honesty, reported; Tyrone, Charles Garner, reported; Bedford, H. G. Thomas, reported; Wilkesbarre, I. B. Till, reported; Phillipsburg, David J. Johnson, reported; Altoona, J. J. Norris, reported; McDonald, J. W. Amiss, reported.

Rev. D. S. Bently, P. E. made a statement concerning that work, and said that there was not anything there, and Rev. J. W. Amiss had left, he having had nothing to live upon, and that he had gone to Ohio. The subject brought out quite a discussion, by Rev. W. H. Brown and others.

The Bishop announced that it was time to adjourn, as it was 12 o'clock, and appointed W. H. Brown to lead the evening services if Bishop Arnett did not arrive in time to conduct the services.

On motion, Rev. Charles Garner was elected Messenger to the Post Office.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by W. H. Brown.

FIRST DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened at 8 p. m. Religious services conducted by Rev C. S. Bently, P. E. Hymn No. 976, "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee," was sung by the choir, joined by the congregation.

Rev. Isaac N. Ross led in an earnest prayer; thanking God for the wonderful manner in which He has brought us, as ministers of the Gospel. The choir sang a choice selection, after which Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, having arrived to assist Bishop Payne, in the work of the Conference, arose and stated that we had met for a re-union, a Spiritual camp-fire; and said that it was a great thing to meet in these grand re-unions; to tell of battles that we have fought. He spoke of pioneer days of his own experience; how God so wonderfully had led him, with many of the brethren of the Pittsburg Conference.

At the conclusion of the Bishop's remarks the choir sang a fine selection, after which Bishop Arnett introduced Rev. Walter S. Lowry, who delivered the welcome address to the Bishops and members of the Pittsburg Conference. It was carefully prepared, and well delivered. He assured the Bishops and members of the Conference that

they were welcome to the homes and hospitalities of the good people of Oil City.

Rev. D. F. Caliman sang a sweet selection, "Meet Me There," in which the congregation all joined.

Rev. W. H. Brown was then introduced, to respond to the welcome address of Rev. W. S. Lowry. He spoke in high terms of Oil City, and gave the history of its pioneer days, and said that Oil City Church was almost as old as the Conference. They had always been true to our church. His response was fine, and too the point.

The choir sang another fine selection, after which Bishop Arnett made some interesting remarks, concerning how much good may be done by local preachers, at the home.

Rev. Dr. C. Asbury was introduced to the congregation, by the Bishop. He responded, and made some very impressive remarks, upon the history of Allen's Church; the African Methodist Episcopal Church in its embro state. He said that we did not have more than half a dozen of the men now that were here in 1877. God had sent others and filled up the ranks, and to-day we stand at the head of the 3rd Episcopal District, so far as finances are concerned. It was an eloquent address, and encouraging to all who heard it.

The next speaker that was introduced was Rev. D. S. Bentley, P. E., who arose and said that he would like to make his remarks upon the paper of Rev. W. S. Lowry, and said we ought to turn our attention to the Salvation of Souls, and not so much to the history of our church; for souls were dying for want of the Gospel. And we want to get down to the work and save them. The speaker said that he loved the work that the Fathers have done; but they have finished their work, and have gone home. We are here to work as best we can, after which the Finance Committee called for a liberal collection.

Amount of collection, $3.96.

Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the Christian *Recorder*, was introduced to the congregation by Bishop Arnett.

The meeting closed; Benediction by Dr. H. T. Johnson.

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SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 7, 1892.

Conference opened with devotional services conducted by Bishop Arnett. Hymn page 474, "Blessed Jesus, While in Mortal Flesh, I Hold My Frail Abode." Prayer by the Bishop, thanking God for all the blessings of life, and the lives of the brethren, and our bishops, after which "Try Us, Oh God," and "Search the Ground" was sung by the brethren of the Conference.

Bishop Payne then called the attention of the brethren of the Conference to the second chapter of Ephesians, which he read for his morning lesson, and afterward he selected the tenth verse of that chapter and gave a very instructive comment.

The morning services were opened by Bishop Daniel A. Payne.

The Theological Points of the second chapter of Ephesians:—My brethren; in this chapter the Spiritual and Moral are not separated, or abolished, but have always been connected; the Civil law is based upon the Divine law. The tenth verse of the second chapter gives us what God would have us be,—after the new creation in Christ Jesus, unto good works, which God has ordained from the beginning. In the fall we lost the Image of the Heavenly,—of the beautiful and good. The sky of our spiritual life becomes darkened, clouded and blurred, at the fall. At the flood, God indicated the restoration of the Image, by the selection of Noah. The Spiritual seed was come again.

Bishop Arnett announced the hymn "Let Every Mortal Ear Attend, and Every Heart Rejoice," which was sweetly sung by the Conference.

The conference roll was called and the following transfers were announced by Bishop Payne:

Rev. J. H. Arrope was transferred from the Pittsburgh Conference to the Ohio Conference, and stationed at Walnut Hills, Cincinnati; and Rev. J. D. Jackson was transferred from the Ohio Conference to the Pittsburg Conference, and his name ordered to be placed upon the Conference Roll.

The Ritual was read by Rev. David F. Calliman.

The minutes of the first day's sessions were read and adopted, with necessary corrections.

Reports of the First District were continued.

Milton, Sandy Christian, reported; Montrose, Cyrus Woodson, reported; Greensburg, T. J. Simmons, reported; Braddock, B. Wheeler, reported; Williamsport, R. Tanner, reported; Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg, C. Asbury, reported; Lewistown, O. T. Davis, reported.

SECOND P. E. DISTRICT.

Allegheny, Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., Brownsville, G. W. Webster, reported; Monongahelia City, W. H. Palmer, reported; Oil City, W. S. Lowry; Uniontown, C. Wright, reported; Franklin, W. H. Brown, P. E., reported; New Brighton, A. E. Walden, reported; Erie, W. H. Pride, reported; Bradford, R. M. Henderson, reported.

Rev. R. C. Smith, of Grace M. E. Church, Rev. J. M. Thoburn, Jr., of Trinity M. E. Church, and Rev. J. J. Sharp, of the United Presbyterian Church, of Oil City, were introduced to the Bishop and Conference. Each one of them spoke words of cheer and encouragement to the brethren of the Conference.

Bishop Payne said we welcomed these visiting brethren, and especially the Methodist brethren; because we are a child of them, and to the Presbyterian Church, he said, that no church was doing the work that they were doing in the mission field, in Egypt.

On motion a vote of thanks were tendered them for their instructive remarks, and the Conference arose and sung "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

The reports of the Second District were continued.

West Newton, J. W. Riley, reported; Bridgewater, J. W. Jeffrie, reported; Meadville, J. W. Lavatt, reported; Elizabeth, C. H. Brown, reported; Manchester, D. F. Caliman, reported; South Side, Pittsburg, R. H. Morris, reported, Brown Chapel, Allegheny, I. N. Ross, reported; Snowden, J. W. Saunders, reported; Bellevue, M. S. Jones, reported.

Conference adjourned by singing, and benediction by Rev. J. J. Sharp.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 7th, 1892.

Conference convened at 2:30 p. m., opened by singing: "I am a child of a king."

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Wheeling district, C. A. McGee, P. E., was called.

Wheeling, C. A. McGee, reported; Washington, J. M. Morris, reported: Cannonsburg, G. G. Skinner, reported; Parkersburg, T.D. Scott, reported; Clarksburg, J. W. Williams, reported; Waynesburg, T. A. J. West, reported; Charleston, P. A. Scott, reported; West Middletown, W. N. Young, reported.

The 3rd District being finished, the Bishop called for the Missionary officers and declared the conference in missionary session. See minutes of Missionary Society.

After the Missionary Society finished its business, the Bishop declared conference in session, and called for the following disciplinary questions, to be ready to report to-morrow.

The Preachers' Aid Society was called, and went into session. (See minutes of Preachers' Aid Society.)

The Bishop declared conference in session, and announced that President Mitchell, of Wilberforce University, would speak to-night at the educational meeting.

Committee on public worship made its report on Sabbath appointments.

Conference adjourned by singing and benediction by Elder W.G. Ralph.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Conference convened at 8 p. m.

Relsgious services conducted by Rev. C. Wright.

Hymn on page 367, "Come, let us join with one accord," was sung by the choir and congregation.

Prayer by Rev. Wright, after which the choir sang another selection.

Bishop Arnett said that one of the blessings that come to the world is songs; and spoke of them as one of the greatest blessings that come to man.

The Bishop called for the report of the Committee on Education. Rev. Samuel C. Honesty read the report.

On motion of W. S. Lowry the report be adopted.

The Bishop then introduced President S. T. Mitchell, of Wilberforce University, our oldest institution. The President was greeted by a fine congregation to hear his address on the subject of Christian education. He said he was glad that we are in the ranks with those who are seeking more light, and that Christian education owes one of the great schemes to solve the problem before us, and we are being elevated as we advance along this line. He spoke of the respect shown to Bishops and members of the North Ohio Conference in Piqua, Ohio, when the M. E. church was given to them during the entire session, and the members of that church attended the services, filling up the pews and even the gallery, to listen to the services of that body; and also spoke of Wilberforce University, and said that it was the oldest university in this country, for the elevation of the race.

On the 14th day of last November the young ladies passed into the Young Ladies' Building and almost filled it up to the top story of that building, and Payne's Theological Seminary was in working order. Wilberforce has at present 150 students, and she will beat her record this year, for they are coming in nearly every day. He spoke in highest terms of the Pittsburg Conference, and said that we have always lead all the other conferences in the connection, except last year, when we were beaten by the Philadelphia Conference.

Bishop Arnett arose and introduced Rev. H. T. Johnson, D. D., editor of the Christian *Recorder*, who made quite a pleasant speech, and entertained the audience very pleasantly with wit and humor and endorsed the address of President Mitchell, after which the choir sang a selection.

Bishop Arnett stated that he desired to call for the subscriptions, and did not want any of the brethren of the conference to leave before they paid their subscription. He made some pleasant remarks and kept the congregation awake in his way of saying things.

The following brethren of the Pittsburg Conference paid on their

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR PAYNE'S THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

G. W. Webster,	$ 2.50
J. J. Norris,	2.50
G. C. Sampson,	2.50

D. F. Caliman,	5.00
Mrs. Arena Hill,	1.00
D. S. Bently,	2.50
W. N. Young,	2.00
Sandy Christian,	2.00
J. M. Morris,	1.00
R. Tanner,	1.00
W. H. Pride,	1.00
C. N. Woodson,	1.00
C. H. Brown,	2.50
Carter Wright,	5.00
R. H. Morris,	4.06
A. E. Waldon,	1.00
W. S. Lowry,	5.00
G. C. Sampson,	15.00
I. N. Ross,	5.00
J. W. Riley,	2.00
T. D. Scott,	1.00
J. M. Morris,	2.00
R. Brown,	1.00
C. A. McGee,	1.00
H. G. Thomas	1.00
J. H. Pangburn,	1.00
T. A. J. West,	2.00
J. W. Jeffries,	1.00
A. Smothers,	2.50
O. T. Davis,	1.00
J. J. Norris,	1.00
B. Wheeler,	1.00
R. M. Henderson,	2.00
W. G. Ralph,	1.00
C. Asbury,	1.00
T. J. Simmons,	1.00
P. A. Scott,	1.00
J. W. Lavatt,	1.00
C. N. Woodson	1.00
G. G. Skinner,	2.00
S. C. Honesty,	2.00
S. Christian,	1.00

D. J. Johnson,..... 1.00

Total from subscriptions,..... 96.00
Public collections,..... 67.20

Total amounts,.....$163.20

Paid the same to Bishop B. W. Arnett.

A collection was taken up for the benefit of Christian education, to the amount of $50.00.

The meeting closed by singing, and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 8, 1892.

Conference convened at 9 a. m.

Bishop Daniel A. Payne presided assisted by Bishop B. W. Arnett.

Religious services conducted by Rev. Alexander Smothers, hymn on page 167, "When All the Mercies of My God, My Rising Soul Surveys," was sung by the Conference.

Prayer by Rev. Smothers, after which the Conference sang "Fill Me Now," led by Rev. D. F. Caliman.

Bishop Payne annouced the third chapter of Ephesians for his morning lesson, and called the attention of the Conference to the eighth verse. He gave quite an instructive lecture.

We have here the perfect, sincere and deep humility of the Apostle Paul; let us all be like him. From the 14 verse to the end of the chapter we have the sublime prayer of the church on earth, militant. Classing them all as one, giving them their characteristics—as fighting at times, defeated, and again conquering and victorious; then life crowning. The prayer is continued, that might and power, and strenght to endure. A broad and deep foundation; a towering superstruction, which should not be crushed, but should bear up its members. From it they should receive power. Power is strength, and

repose, and activity. These double adjectivities: these are for His wise purpose. The Spirit giving out through its, to members, by the Omnipotent Spirit, which is imparted to all their faculties; the moral as well as the spiritual; purified and sanctified. The will guided direct by human action, the object of all the indwelling Christ. O, that this spirit may dwell in us. Illustration followed: The tree, its growth, upward and downward—rooted and grounded. How sublime, how grand, how comprehensible. The spirit gives us the ability to comprehend. O, that we could grasp and appropriate these ideas. These conditions fill our lives with God. These sublime words are grand and lovely. Written by W. H. Palmer.

The minutes of the previous afternoon and evening's sessions were read and adopted.

Bishop Arnett called for other reports, and Rev. C. A. McGee, P. E. reported the work at Wheeling.

Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor of the Christian *Recorder*, and Dr. S. T. Mitchell, president of Wilberforce University, were introduced to the Bishop and Conference, and given seats within the bar of the Conference.

Rev. L. A. Barber reported his work at Phillippi, W. Va.

The Presiding Elders reports were called for by the Bishop.

First District, Pittsburg. Rev. D. S. Bently, P. E., reported.

Second District, Allegheny, Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., reported.

Third District, Wheeling, W. Va., Rev. C. A. McGee, P. E., reported.

All the reports showed quite an improvement over last year.

Disciplinary Questions were taken up.

13th: What preachers admitted on trial? H. A. Grant and S. P. West.

14th: Who remain on trial? M. S. Jones, T. A. J. West, T. D. Scott, P. A. Scott and J. W. Saunders.

The Bishop called for the report of the Committee on First and Second Years Studies, but not being prepared to report at the time specified by the Bishop, the report was deferred until next year.

15th; Who are admitted or re-admitted to full connection? None.

The Bishop called for the report on Third and Fourth Years Studies.

Dr. C. A. Asbury stated that the report was not quite ready.

The Bishop decided that the report be held over until next year.

16th: Who are the Deacons? T. D. Scott, P. A. Scott, J. W. Jeffries and O. T. Davis.

Local Deacons: Israel Kelley, John L. Griffith, R. H. Baker, J. H. Pangburn, S. Burrells, Enoch Gilchrist, G. B. Knox, James Bruien, T. J. Simmons, Peter Bownan and Charles Garner,

17th: Who have been elected and ordained Deacons and Elders this year? No one.

18th: Who have been located this year? No one.

19th: Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal office, in and to superintend the African Methodist Church? Bishops of the A. M. E. Church, Bishop Daniel A. Payne, Alexander W. Wayman, Thomas M. D. Ward, John M. Brown, Henry M. Turner, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abraham Grant, Benjamin F. Lee, Moses B. Salter, and James A. Handy.

20th: Who are the Supernumary Preachers?

21st: Who are the Superannuated Preachers? W. G. Ralph and S. T. Jones.

22nd: Who have been expelled from the Connection by this Conference? Rev. J. J. Jones, dropped from the Conference and expelled from the Church.

23rd: Who have withdrawn this year from this Conference and the Connection?

24th: Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation? All except J. J. Jones.

25th: What members of the Conference have died this year? Rev. Samuel H. Lacy, at Waynesburg, Green County, Pa., March 6, 1892.

26th: Where are the Preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

27th: Where shall our next Conference be held? Wilksbarre.

Waynesburg, Uniontown and Wilkesbarre were nominated; Waynesburg received 8 votes, Uniontown 1, and Wilkesbarre 28 votes. Therefore Wilkesbarre was decided to be the place to hold the next session of the Conference.

After some announcements of Committees, Conference adjourned by singing, and benediction by Dr. S. T. Mitchell, of Wilberforce

SABBATH SERVICES.

October 9th, 1892.

At 10:30 a. m. Bishop Arnett preached in Trinity M. E. church to a large congregation, taking for his text the 20th verse of the 17th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

He spoke of St. Paul and paid great respects to the grand man of God, and said he was good authority in regard to the duties to the family, to the country and to God. And he was called to an account by the authorities of Athens, and was called upon to tell them what these strange things meant. He was charged with bringing to that city, a new God, and for establishing a new religion. Paul did not present a new God, said speaker, but an unknown God, whom they ignorantly worshiped, the only true and living God. He spoke of God as a spirit, as light and as love, and spoke of the wonderful power of love, that it bound man to man, neighbor to neighbor, and race to race.

He held the immense audience in profound silence, while he poured Gospel truths into their ears and hearts, at times taking flights of eloquence that seemed wonderful, and closed his discourse by saying that the Gospel of Jesus Christ meant to lead man up to the pearly gates of immortal joy.

The services closed by singing and benediction by Bishrp Arnett.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

Mite Missionary anniversary.

Met in M. E. church at 3 p. m.

The choir sang hymn No. 930, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

Dr. A. M. Greer led in prayer, after which the choir sang a selection.

Bishop Arnett arose and stated the object of the meeting, and introduced Rev. G. C. Sampson as the first speaker, who gave a very interesting talk upon the work of missions, and made several suggestions how we might do more for the foreign mission fields.

The choir sang another selection, "Work for the night is coming"

Rev. D. S. Bently, P. E. being sick, Rev. A. M. Green, D. D. was then introduced as the next speaker instead of Rev. D. S. Bently. He gave us quite a nice speech. On all lands and on all waters the Gospel of the Son of God is being lifted up; it has gone into Africa, and Asia, and the isles of the sea.

The Bishop introduced W. H Brown, P. E. Rev. Brown said he would come as near home as possible. He spoke of the ladies' mite missionary society. He said, what we want is money to carry the work forward. We want to civilize that country; bridges and railroads are being built to forward on the mission work, and said that he believed if all of the money collected for that work should be sent, that country would be redeemed.

Bishop Payne arose and said that the women of Africa were brutes and slaves to passion. The audience was as still as the grave while he spoke a few words concerning the foreign mission field. He showed to all who heard him that he was posted in the work of missions in foreign fields. The Bishop said that the white christian women are leaving their beautiful homes, their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, and are going into that country and are arresting their dark sisters from darkness and ignorance.

The Mite Missionary Society of the 3rd Episcopal district are to meet in Columbus, O., and consult the better way to forward on the work, and he wanted the presiding elders of this conference to look after this work here in this conference in connection with them.

Bishop Arnett said that Sierra Leone was Bishop Payne's mission field and had sent last year $1,000, and expect another $1,000 this year if I can.

The Bishop called for a good collection, and received $87.83 for foreign missionary work.

The meeting closed by singing and benediction by Bishop Payne.

EVENING SESSION.

The Gospel Temperance meeting was called to order by Bishop Arnett at 7:30.

Singing hymn No. 1, "Before Jehovah's awful throne."

Prayer by Rev. Charles Brown.

The Bishop stated that the object of the meeting was to discuss christian temperance. It is for the purpose of creating contempt

against intemperance; it is for the object, if possible, to save the boys and girls from the saloon.

Rev. I. N. Ross was then introduced as the first speaker. Rev. Ross made an able plea in behalf of the temperance cause. He stated that all other questions were of less importance than that of intemperance. Intemperance, he said, annuls our interest in our country and home, and blights them. Our object is to try if possible, to stop the tide of humanity that is being led on in that downward road by an awful apetite. As intemperance has entwined around our legislators and law makers, our only hope will be to educate the children.

Rev. Dr. Palmer was the next speaker.

Dr. Palmer said there were three thoughts that had agitated the world since the death of Abel; righteousness, temperance and judgement. The question now is, what shall we do to suppres the tide of intemperance. Among our own people, his idea was, christian temperance. Christianize a man and you make him a temperanee man. Rev. Palmer made a strong plea in behalf of the young.

Rev. J. W. Riley was the next speaker. He made an elegant plea in behalf of temperance. He showed that the use of coffee, tobacco and other stimulants lead to intemperance. Moderate drinking will lead one to disrespect, and bring man to the level of a brute.

After a strong plea by Bishop Arnett in behalf of christian temperance, a collection of $19.16 was taken up for contingent expenses of the conference.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

October 10, 1892.

Conference convened at 9 a. m., Bishop Arnett presiding.

Religious services conducted by Rev. J. W. Riley.

Hymn on page 366, "How sad our state by nature is" was sung by the conference.

Prayer by Rev. Riley. The ritual was also read by Elder Riley.

Bishop Payne read the 4th chapter of Ephesians as the morning lesson.

He prefaced his comment by calling attention to the closeness with which the apostle interlaces the moral and the spiritual. He said you cannot be a christian without being moral; the prophets, apostles and Jesus Christ never separated the moral from the spiritual.

After reading the chapter he confined his comment to the 22nd and 23rd verses principally.

The image of God consists of righteousness and true holiness. True holiness consists of cutting off from all sin. Many decieve themselves believing they are holy when they are not holy. To be really sanctified is true holiness; to be sanctified is to be free from all sin.

True holiness makes no apology for sin. Sin is opposed to God, and the man who makes an apology for sin is God's opponent.

Forty years' observation as Bishop has led me to know that three forces are at work against the perpetuity of the A. M. E. church. Chief among these forces is Masonry. He cited examples to show that men guilty of crime had been shielded in the conference because they were Masons.

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. The old man sinned; the new man could not sin, would not sin, did not sin. A perfect man but really man, the image of God above.

Righteousness consists of two classes of excellence: 1st class, a group of moral virtues; 2nd class, a group of christian graces. Both combined, become so entwined like threads of silver and gold, that you cannot break one without destroying the whole.

From the beginning of the chapter to the 24th verse, the spiritual idea; from the 24th verse to the end of the chapter, the beautiful cluster of moral excellence.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and adopted.

The statement of the Financial Secretary was read and placed on file.

Also a statement from the Sunday School Union was read and filed.

Also from the secretary of Church Extension and placed upon the face of the minutes.

Revs. B. Wheeler, W. H. Brown and D. S. Bently were elected a committee on Church Extension. Laymen, James M. Webster, of Brighton, and W. H. Mills, of Bellefonte, Pa.

Rev. W. S. Lowry made his report of Oil City Circuit.

The following brethren were elected on the educational board: W. S. Lowry, R. Tanner and R. Brown. Laymen, J. H. Page and W. Darmon.

Sunday School Boadr: G. G. Skinner, J. J. Norris and C. H. Brown.

Missionary committeeman: J. M. Morris.

On motion, I. N. Ross was re-elected book steward.

Report on Education was adopted.

Committee on Bible Cause reported and adopted.

Sunday School report was read by C. H. Brown.

On motion of W. H. Pride the report was adopted.

Rev. D. H. T. Johnson was given an opportunity to present the claims of the Christian *Recorder*, and he urged the brethren of the conference to do more for our organ than ever before.

Dr. A. M. Green, editor of the Southern Christian *Recorder*, was given 15 minutes to lay his claims of that paper, and read a set of resolutions, which were laid over for the present.

Committee on temperance made its report, read by Rev. Caliman.

The report was discussed by Rev. W. H. Palmer, who spoke in favor of it.

Rev. G. G. Sampson spoke of it as a good report, as far as it went, but it was not enough of it.

Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E. spoke on the report.

The discussion on the report was deferred until to-morrow morning.

Conference adjourned by singing.

Benediction by D. T. Caliman.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 3 p. m.

Opened its session by singing "All the way my Savior leads me."

On motion it was voted that the conference purchase the cuts of Revs. Father Gross, J. A. Warren and Nelson F. Terrell, at a cost of ten dollars.

Committee on Missions made its report. Read by W. S. Lowry. It was adopted. (See report.)

By motion it was voted to hold missionary convention in this conference once a year, the place and time to be left with the presiding elders.

Committee on Stations and Circuits reported. The report was adopted with certain amendments. (See report.)

First section of the report was not adopted. McDonald was left in the Pittsburg District. Second section was adopted, third and fourth also, and was adopted as a whole.

The Bishop declared the Preachers' Aid Society in session. (See minutes of Preachers' Aid Society)

After which the Bishop said we were in conference session again.

Finance Committee made a partial report.

Dr. C. Asbury read the report on State of the Church and Country. The report was adopted. (See report.)

Rev. S. C. Honesty read the report of Judiciary Committee, and made its report in the case of Rev. J. J. Jones, of Wheeling, W. Va. The report was adopted. (See report.)

Bishop Arnett announced that the Ministerial Educational Meeting would take place in Trinity M. E. church to-night at 7:30.

Rev. W. S. Lowry moved that the Pittsburg Conference take a room in Payne's Theological Seminary. Carried.

Conference adjourned by singing, and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FOURTH DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

Conference met in M. E. church at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. D. S. Bently conducted the religious services.

After prayer by Rev. Bently, the congregation joined in singing

Bishop Arnett arose and stated the object of the meeting, and made some very interesting remarks. He spoke of the condition of the races, and especially the Negroes, Indians and the Irish of Ireland. He said that the negro was the only race that contests for a place in life with the white man. No race can be redeemed until it can produce its own leaders. He also spoke of the schools in the South.

The Bishop told several reasons why we should educate our ministers in order to perpetuate the race and elevate them to a higher plane.

The Bishop called for a liberal collection. Amount collected, $100.00.

The meeting closed by singing, and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

October 11, 1892.

Conference convened at 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Palmer. Hymn sung, page 18, "Stand Up and Bless the Lord." Prayer by Rev Palmer. Singing by Rev. Coliman, "Companionship with Jesus."

The Bishop announced the 5th chapter of Ephesians. He said that high morality and spirituality are blended in this chapter. The Aposle Paul bears out, or expounds the utterances of Jesus Christ, who blends the moral with the spiritual. His comment was upon the 26 and 27th verses of that chapter. The characteristics of the church of God, not of any particular church, but the church of the living God, covering the entire globe; are set forth in these verses. The denominations are merely branches. It is a glorious church—because glorious. It has neither spot nor blemish. He said, brethren let us labor to maintain in ourselves these characteristics of the church, afwhich Bishop Arnett announced No. 22, "In the Finest of the Wheat, Blessed Assurance," in which the Corference all joined.

The minutes of the last sessions were read and adopted, with necessary corrections.

Rev. D. S. Bently secured the floor to ask a question for the purpose of getting a ruling from the Bishop.

On motion of Rev. Bently, that all the Sunday Schools of Pittsburg District be attached to the Sunday Institute of that District.

Rev. Bently spoke to motion, that when he had examined into the affairs of the Sunday School Convention, he said he found that it was $18.00 in debt. When the Convention was held there was not money enough to print the minutes. He arranged with the Wylie avenue Sunday School to secure money to have the minutes printed. When the Convention was separated. At the last session of the Convention the brethren were compelled to go into their pockets, and pay one dollar in addition to the assessments made on the schools, and hope that the Conference would leave the work as it was, that they might persue the work untramelled.

Rev. W. H. Brown then spoke to the motion. He stated that it

was an action of the Conference some years ago, that separated the Sunday School work. That the action of the Convention last year simply placed the work where it belonged. His idea was not to let the Presiding Elders have anything to do with it.

Rev. Bently asked if the law of the General Conference of 1884, making provision for the Sunday School work, did not say to the Sunday Schools that they should be assisted in their work by the Presiding Elders.

Bishop Payne ruled that each District should control its own Sunday Schools. Districts should not interlace District. Each one should stand out clear and distinct.

Dr. Asbury asked: will the Sunday School be expected to form their own organizations; elect the officers, or will they be under the Presiding Elder, as President, without electing him?

The Bishop answered: Every Sunday School has its legal Superintendent; the Pastor. If it has any other Superintendent it is by permission of the Pastor. The reason for this is, that upto recent date 1872 or 1876, we had very few Pastors competent to manage the Sunday Schools. Hence the intelligent laymen had to take control. This is contrary to discipline.

Dr. Asbury said: In 1880, when Conference met in Wheeling, a report was submitted providing for two Districts; an Eastern and a Western. This was done because the Pittsburg District is very inconveniently situated.

The Bishop said we will appoint a committee, to so arrange the Districts, and to equip them. The three Presiding Elders will constitute the committee, and report at ten o'clock to-morrow.

The Temperance report was called for.

The resolution on the abstinence from the use of Tobacco was presented by Rev. Sampson.

On motion the report as amended, was adopted.

The special order of the morning; the union of the A. M. E. Church, and the A. M. E. Zion Church was called up.

The terms of the union were read by the Secretary, pro tem.

The Resolutions of Union were read by W. H. Brown.

Rev. Sampson took the floor.

He declared himself heart, soul, mind and spirit in this great effort. Would not urge that it be consumated too soon; but urges that

if we consumate this union, we begin right here to secure the benefits. He urges the union for three reasons:

(1) That we allow ourselves, as Christian Ministers, to be moved by considerations, or the world. Some ministers condemned the union because of isolated cases of weakness and unworthiness, on the part of the Zion A. M. E. Church. In the same way, and with as much reason, sinners condemn the church, because of a few fanatics. Is it for the glory of God? We believe that the Grace of God does not break up our harmony, but will bind us together, as in our Communions, our love feasts, our prayer and class meetings.

It is alright in the large cities that we separate, but when we go into the small cities it is then that our weakness is felt. Too make one strong congregations where two weak ones exist, there is no danger in the union, but great good to be gained.

A minister of the Gospel does wrong in one church, and the other is ready to receive him. We do not have to hold to all classes of bad ministers when they come into the union. They must come up to the standard, or be put out. The union will be one of the grandest things accomplished for the glory of God, and the elevation of the race. He closed alluding pathetically to the emotions of our worthy Bishops at the opening of Payne's Theological Seminary, and felt that he would have like feelings aroused at witnessing the consumation of the ardent desires on his part.

Rev. Brown spoke as follows:

He called himself the Senior Member of this Conference, and declared this a serious and important matter, and a question that requires careful and serious deliberation. He had not made up his mind hastily. He came to vote against this union. He did not vote for it at the General Conference, for want of proper light. He wanted his skirts clear from the blood of any. We look to the bench of Bishops, and concede much to their experience and judgement, especially if our consciences are on that side. Our Conferences have been agitated since 1864, but right steps have not been taken.

Whatever position he may occupy in the future, he will put it before his people in the right light. He would conclude however, as he knew Dr. Asbury was full of the union, having been one of the Fraternal Delegates. Let us go for it as a unit.

Dr. Asbury began by saying he did not like to make a lengthy

speech; did not arise as intimated, because he was full of speech, or speech matter, but he arose to offer a few words to the resolution that looks forward to the bettering of the race, and of which he is not ashamed to be a member. He felt like singing "Hallelujah 'Tis Done." When Presiding Elder Brown expressed himself favorable to the union, he, Brown, had notified him three months ago, that he would meet him in the arena as opposed to the union. He rejoiced in the converting of one big soul. He was in favor of this resolution. As one of the fore-runners he had committed himself before the General Conference last spring. He had been in favor of the union for years Had reasons for favoring it.

(I). It is in accordance of the last prayer of our blessed Lord. When He, with his heart lifted up to heaven, filled with tender feelings for His disciples, prayed that they might be one, as We are one.

The object of this union is, to bring them together as one. It means to bring together the elements in them to organize and blend them into one, that under the blood stained banner of Christ, they might present an unbroken front to the enemy of souls.

Oneness in deed, in church and state, and race. We are weak at best. But stand by the adage "in union there is strenth." We adhere to the teaching that "a kingdom divided against itself must fall."

(II). Because we are so nearly alike, that to unite would not intererfere with any cardinal point in our belief. If we do not, why not? There are no good reasons against it. He had learned no good intelligent reason from those opposed to it. Why they are opposed to it. One old member in his church said she was brought into the A. M. E. church 40 years ago; was baptized into it; her mother had brought her up in that church, and it was good enough for her and she did not want any other. This is the substance of the opposition.

They have class meetings, and love feasts; issue love feast tickets, so do we; they have deacons and licentiates, so have we; we ordain elders, so do they; we elect and ordain men to the Episcopal office, so do they; no difference between us.

On either side we hear this expression against this matter. Each church thinks it has the best element. Each crow thinks its young the whittiest. Bethel members say we do not want that Zion trash. Zion members say we do not want those Bethel negroes. We are all

made out of the same stuff. If there is any difference, circumstances have made it. If they are weaker than we are, that is no reason why we should not unite. The union would not affect our belief; only the name.

(III). It is a progressive movement, calculated to enhance the interests of the race, and to glorify God.

To-day is the time to unite our forces: no matter what the qualifications of our young people. They are kept off. Let the great men of both church come together, and lead on the ostracized race, that when they knock at any door it will be open.

Progressive because led on by the great men of both churches, and the race. Led, on Bethel side by Daniel Payne, than whom the race have no equal. On the Zion side, led on by that grand and noble old man; not beautiful in appearance, Bisphop J. J. Morris.

The more progressive movement, because led on by men of both churches.

The future of the negro depends upon the blending of the negro forces. No time to divide. "A man's a man for a' that." Or as the Dutchman says, "a man is a man if he be's no ligger than my toe."

Rev. Riley said he heard the great fraternal speeches. After those speeches there was a great rumbling as of a volcano, handkercheifs, hats, valises and were thrown towards the celing.

If we can trust the bench of Bishops to govern our affairs, we can trust the united bench to controll the general interests of the United Church.

Rev. Palmer said: In 1492 it is said that Columbus discovered America. History is reproducing this memorable event. In all places the children will be told of this great event. Five years ago Bishop Payne told me I had a devil. I set about getting that devil out, and before the morning is over I will have him out.

We are continually blaming the Anglo-Saxon. Let us do something ourselves. We will see what this means. Speaking of old masons. We can't realize them, because they are in union.

Both denominations have bad men, The union will drive us to better our condition.

Whisky has done us great injury: but nothing has done the North American negro as much injury as these two churches.

The Indian will unite; the Italian will unite: the Dutchman will

unite: but the Negro will not unite. White people say we are all alike; now let us be alike.

When this grand union is consumated we would feel like the good old sinner, when he took the Lord Jesus Christ in his arms.

Now let thy servant go out in peace; ready to go when we unite.

Glorious day for the Bishops; a glorious day for us all.

Who is He as firm as the sun, as clear as the moon, and as mighty as an army? One Lord, one faith, one church.

Rev. Jenkins Williams said he was glad to see the work of the fathers. Thankful they had come when fraternal union can be consumated. Alluded to the grand work of Bishop Payne, and the deceased Bishops. There is no danger in following in the line of our predecessors. The time is not far distant, when we will become a power. Prayed that the union might be for the glory of God. Thankful to be able to vocate this union, and had desired it from boyhood days. The time shall come when the church can be presented without spot or blemish.

Rev. J. M. Morris looked at it in the light of the brethren.

Remember the work of the Eastern and Western churches, consumated at Constantinople.

There will be opposition. Impressed with somethings from read- the terms of organic union.

There is much for the ministers to do. The great enterprise will meet with opposition. We are legislating for children unborn. More will be said concerning this 30 or 40 years hence than is being said now. We should try and consecrate our all at the altar of fraternal union. Will stand by this body.

There is a negative and an affirmative to all questions.

He hoped every brother had studied it, and understood it fully.

The difference between the Eastern and Western churches was on the subject of Easter.

He referred to points of similarity.

There may be some difference of opionion. Let us stand by what we vote, and maintain the perpetuity of the union.

Nothing would drag him from defending what he votes for. Our words are as strong as our lives.

Rev. D. S. Bently had an inspiration when the subject first came before the Conference. Would not take time for a speech. One re-

mark of Rev. Morris, worthy of consideration by all; the result depends upon the teaching and spirit of the pastor.

Bishop Payne speaks with wisdom. Bishop Arnett refers to the ministry as the mould that shall shape the destiny of the subject.

The union is a matter of great importance; the utililizing of forces, and the extending of christian education.

He would be recreant to his feelings, if, when the historian records the proceedings of this body, he was not spoken of as in favor of it.

Rev. Lowry rose not to make a speech, but wanted to be recorded with those who are in favor of the union, and in sympathy with the great leaders of the church.

Bishop Arnett then explained the nature of the vote, and the general rule concerning the manner of taking it.

Rev. Green asked to be heard on the question.

The request was not granted.

The vote was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted as follows:

Yeas, 47. Nays, 2.

"Companionship with Jesus" was then sung at the request of Bishop Payne, and joined in by all the brethren.

Bishop Payne then announced that the vote in the Ohio Conference was a good vote. The vote of the North Ohio Conference was a better vote; but the vote in the Pittsburg Conference was the best vote of all.

Bishop Arnett then called attention to the fact that he would leave before the Conference met in afternoon session, and therefore desired the list of those who had paid on their subscription to Payne's Theological Seminary to be read, that all might know how they stood.

On motion a standing vote of thanks was tendered Bishop Arnett for the valuable assistance rendered our Senior Bishop, and for the ife and enthusiasm he had put in the work.

FIFTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 11, 1892.

Conference convened at 3 p. m. by singing, "When I Can Read My Title Clear." Bishop Payne presiding.

Bishop Payne called H. A. Grant and S. P. West before the al-

tar and read them into the Conference, on trial. He gave them some very instructive and fatherly advice, reading to them the forms of discipline, after which he called for Conference roll, and those who had writted upon the subject that was given by the Bishops. They reported as follows:

Richard Brown, D. F. Caliman, C. Wright and H. A. Grant.

Dr. A. M. Green, I. B. Till and G. C. Sampson were appointed judges of the essays, while the Conference sang "A Charge to Keep I Have."

The brethreu who were prepared to read their papers came forward and took their seats.

Rev. Richard Brown read his and passed it over to the judges.

Rev. D. F. Caliman was called by the Bishop, to read, and he also passed his paper over to the judges, after which the Conference sang a selection.

Rev. H. A. Grant read his paper, and the last paper that was read was that of C. Wright, who also passed it over.

Dr. A. M. Green was given an opportunity to lay the claims of the Southern Christian *Recorder* before the Conference.

Bishop Payne appointed the following committee on memorials:

C. A. McGee, W. S. Lowry, J. M. Morris, W. H. Brown and G. C. Sampson; and to be ready to report at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Conference adjourned.

Singing, and Benediction by B. Wheeler.

FIFTH DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The meeting opened at 8 p. m. by singing, and prayer by Rev. A. Smothers, W. H. Brown, P. E. presiding.

Elder Brown stated that we had met in the Preacher's Aid Anniversary, and then introduced Rev. T. D. Scott, who made a fine speech on the "Necessity of the Ministry."

Rev. C. A. McGee being sick, Rev. W. H. Palmer read a very interesting address upon the same subject.

He spoke of the love of ministers to each other, and said all men and women ought to especially respect the ministers of the Gospel, for they all want him when they are sick, or in need of spiritual advise, and said they are a necessity.

Rev. Sampson was the next speaker, and said many good things.

Elder W. H. Brown then called for a collection.

Amount of collection, $6.17.
The meeting closed by singing.
Benediction by W. S. Lowry.

SIXTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

October 12, 1892.

Converence convened at 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. I. B. Till.

Hymn sung on Page 662, "once more my soul the rising days."

Prayer by Rev. Till Bishop Payne presiding. Rev. J. W. Riley read the ritual, to which the Conference responded.

The Bishop spoke, how the ritual should be read, he said never read too fast.

The 6th and last Chapter of Ephesians, was read by the Bishop, for his morning lesson; and he called the attention of the bretheren of the conference to the 10th and 14th verses of that Chapter. He commented upon these verses. He spoke of strength and power, he said to withstand means to resist and power to stand, are necessary, he gave us very instructive lesson.

The Bishop called for the reading of the minutes of the last sessions, they where read and adopted. Bishop ordered the secretary to read a communication from Rev. G. G. Vreeland who is desirous of going to Africa, who desired aid to assist him in going to Africa.

On motion the letter or communication was received.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Riley that the Bishop advise us what to do in the case. Carried.

The Bishop said: help him all you can.

On motion of Rev. Bently that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter, and see what can be done for Rev. Vreeland and wife, in assisting them to Liberia, Africa. Carried.

The Bishop appointed a committee of three: Revs. D. S. Bently; C. Asbury and W. H. Brown.

The committee on Sunday districts made its report, read by Rev. W. H. Brown.

Rev. D. S. Bently stated that he had no minority report, and would abide by the decision of yesterday by Bishop Payne.

Rev. J. W. Riley spoke on the report.

Bishop Payne rendered his decision that each Presiding Elder hold his own Sunday school convention; within the bounds of his P. E. district.

Rev. C. Asbury said that the annual conference of 1880 had made that division in our conference for the convenience of the work

Bishop Payne said that he rule the whole matter out of order.

On motion by W. S. Lowry that each district S. S. convention of each convention be obligatory to adopt the S. S. *Visitor*. Carried.

The conference resolved itself in to the Literary Society.

On motion the Society resolved back into the conference again.

The special committee on the cause of Rev. G. G. Vreeland and wife made their report, which was adopted. (See report.)

On motion a collection be taken up in the conference. Carried.

Bishop Payne announced that memorial services would take place to-night.

Conference adjourned by benediction oy Rev. W. S. Lowry.

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 3 p. m. Bishop Daniel A. Payne presiding.

The Committee on Finance was called for by the Bishop.

Minutes of last session were read and adopted.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee arose and stated that the committee was given until to-morrow morning to complete its report.

The Bishop called for the report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

The report was read by W. S. Lowry, who delivered an address on the report, and the first resolution.

The first resolution was not adopted, as amended by Rev. D. S. Bently. See first resolution, as amended.

Second resolution was adopted as read. See resolutions.

Third resolution was not adopted. See book of Discipline on Misionary Conventions.

The report was adopted as amended. See report.

The Bishop called Rev. G. G. Vreeland to say a word on his proposed trip to Africa.

Rev. Vreeland spoke very encourageingly about his trip, and said that he intended to go very shortly and hoped that the people would do all they could to help him on his way. He asked the prayers of the Conference to help him. Said that he knew something about the dangers of the trip, yet he was determined to go.

Bishop Payne called for a collection to assist him on his trip.

The amount raised was $14.00, which was paid to G. G. Vreeland.

The Committee of Judges on the prize essays reported. See report.

Bishop said that to-night would be devoted to memorial services, and appointed Elder Bently to preside.

On motion of Rev. W. H. Brown that we give to Jessie Wallace the scholarship of Wilberforce, amounting to fifty dollars per year. Carried.

Conference adjourned by singing.

Benediction by Bishop Payne.

SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The meeting opened at 8 p. m. with religious services conducted by Rev. I. N. Ross.

Page 618, No. 747, "Servant of God, Well Done," was sung by the congregation.

Prayer by Rev. Ross.

Rev. D. S. Bently presided at the meeting.

Rev. Ross read the fourth chapter of II Timothy.

Rev. Bently stated the object of the meeting and then called for the report of the Treasurer.

Rev. G. C. Sampsou came forward and read the report.

The following Preacher's widows occupied one of the front seats during the services: Offer, Lacy and Jackson.

On motion a committee was appointed to audit the Treasurer's report, consisting of the following: W. S. Lowry, S. Christian and Richard Tanner.

Hymn No. 755 was sung by the Congregation.

Rev. D. S. Bently called for the report of Committee on Memorials.

Rev. W. S. Lowry came forward and read the report.

By motion of G. G. Skinner, and seconded by S. Christian, that the report be received and adopted.

Rev. D. S. Bently sang a selection, "Waiting and Watching for Me," in which the entire congregation joined.

Rev. W. S. Lowry was the first to speak upon the death of Rev. Samuel H. Lacy. He spoke in praise of the departed, and said that Rev. Lacy would not faulter, but went cheerfully wherever he was sent; worked hard and faithfully, and built up work for some of us. He was at his post to the last.

The speaker spoke words of comfort to his bereaved wife. Saying we will divide our means with you.

Rev. G. C. Sampson was the next speaker.

He said the scenes of the past stood before him, and hardly felt able to speak on an occasiou like this. Death must do its work, and he has a right to take any he may choose.

He spoke of the number of the brethren who have gone over in the sweet bye and bye. It has only made heaven much sweeter.

Rev. G. G. Skinner spoke upon the death of the son of Rev. J. J. Norris.

He said that this boy loved him, and that they were dear friends.

The speaker spoke of another child of the same home that had been taken away; yet we shall meet again, never to part, after which the choir "Tell It to Jesus," which seemed to sooth every heart, as the congregation joined in the song.

Rev. C. Asbury spoke upon the death of Rev. Richard Brown's son.

He said he had attended about twenty-five annual conferences, and the services get sadder, for it will not be very long before the brethren will assemble, on an occasion like this, and speak of his history. He said four gone and four are here. This boy was very intelligent and religious, and before his departure said: "I will soon be home." He was a cheerful boy. But then, we don't know what may come to our home. As we go out from this Conference we know not what may overtake us. But, by the grace of God, we will follow on to meet those who have gone on before.

Rev. Bently said it was time to close.

Rev. Wm. H. Brown arose and that he made a supplementary report. The report was adopted. See report.

On motion we adjourn council Rev. H. A. rose and said he desired to speak, but the time had gone.

Conference adjourned by singing.

Benediction by Rev. C. A. McGee.

SEVENTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

October 13th, 1892.

Conference convened at 9 a. m.

Bishop Payne presiding.

Religious services conducted by Rev. D. F. Caliman.

Hymn No. 1014, "Jesus, great shepherd of the sheep," was sung by the conference.

Scripture lesson read was 77th Psalm by Rev. Caliman.

Bishop Payne read the ritual, to which the brethren of the conference responded.

Minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

On motion of Rev: D. S. Bently that a committee of three be appointed to arrange a basis for the scholarship of Wilberforce University, whose duty it should be to form plans for that scholarship.

On motion by W. H. Brown the scholarship of Wilberforce University be given to Jesse Wallace. as long as he maintained a christian character.

Bishop Payne amended by saying five instead of three. It was carried.

The Bishop appointed the following committee the three trustees of Wilberforce University: C. Asbury, D. S. Beutley and W. S. Lowry. To these were added Bishop Payne and G. C. Sampson.

W. H. Brown asked the Bishop who should lay before the churches the subject of organic union. The Bishop said the pastor, but the presiding elder ought to be present.

Rev. I. N. Ross offered a resolution, which was adopted. (See resolution.)

Bishop Payne gave the following symposium for next year, and said that he desired all the brethren to write on it: "What is God doing to evangelize, to christianize and to civilize the world, especially the dark continent of Africa."

Rev. C. Asbury made a motion to re-consider the motion of the conference, holding its next session at Wilkesbarre, Pa. The motion was carried.

On motion the next session be held in Uniontown was carried by a large majority It was decided to hold the next session of the conference at Uniontown, Pa.

On motion that no essay on the subject given by Bishop Payne occupy more time than twenty minutes. Carried.

On motion that we have no prizes, and the money be used to publish the papers read. After quite a discussion the motion was carried.

The Bishop said he would offer no more prizes.

On motion that the dues of the Literary Society be $1.00 instead of 50 cents. The motion was lost.

Dr. C. Asbury asked the Bishop whether the trustees of church property could sell the property without the consent of the congregation.

The Bishop said that he had asked a hard question, yet, said the Bishop. you must remember that the judgement of one man is sometimes better than a thousand over the masses.

Rev. Asbury was given time to speak of the Sunday School *Visitor*, and to lay its claims before the conference.

The Bishop appointed a committee of five to consult with Dr. A. M. Green, editor of the Southern Christian *Recorder*, in order to help in perpetuating the existence of that paper. The following committee was appointed: Richard Tanner, J. W. Riley, G. G. Skinner, J. W. Jeffries, and Richard Brown.

The finance committee made its report, which was read by W. S. Lowry. The report was adopted.

W. H. Brown moved that $15.00 be paid to the mother of David Lewis' threee children. Carried.

On motion by Rev. McGee that $75.00 more or less be paid to the presiding elder of West Virginia.

Rev. D. S. Bently amended the motion by saying that $15.00 be paid him The amendment was carried.

Bishop Payne rose and stated that we had come to the close of the conference, and announced the hymn, "Forever here my rest shall be," was sung by the conference, after which he said that he had done the best he could for all of the brethren, for every man wanted the best appointments, but every man makes his own appointment. He admonished the brethren to keep themselves clean; and exhorted them to seek holiness, without which no man can see the Lord; and said that all of his scolding and rebukes were from the lips, but his instructions were from the heart.

After which he read the oppointments, and afterwards the conference joined in singing "Jesus the name high over all."

Prayer by Rev. R. C. Smith, pastor of Grace M. E. church.

Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Bishop Payne.

R. H. MORRIS,
Conference Secretary.

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LIST OF APPOINTMENTS FOR 1892.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Daniel S. Bently, Presiding Elder.

Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg,.....Cornelius Asbury.
East End, Pittsburg,.....George C. Sampson.
Altoona Station,.....Joshua J. Norris.
Williamsport Station,.....Richard Tanner.
Scranton Station,.....Charles A. McGee.
Wilkesbarre Station,.....Ishmael B. Till.
New Haven Station,.....Cyrus N. Woodson.
Bellefonte Station,.....Samuel C. Honesty.
Braddock Circuit,.....Hartly G. Thomas.
Lewistown Circuit,.....Owen T. Davis.
Phillippsburg Circuit,.....Henry A. Grant.
Bedford Circuit,.....James W. Lavatt.
Montrose Circuit,.....David J. Johnson.
Bloomsburg Circuit,.....Hutchison Johnson.
Greensburg Mission,.....William N. Young.
Tyrone Mission,.....Charles Garner.
Milton Mission,.....Sandy Christian.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

William H. Brown, Presiding Elder.

Brown Chapel, Allegheny City,.....Isaac N. Ross.
Manchester Station,.....David F. Caliman.
South Side, Pittsburg,.....Richard Brown.
Monongahela City Station,.....William H. Palmer.
Brownsville " .....George W. Webster.
Uniontown " .....Carter Wright.
New Brighton " .....Anthony E. Waldon.
Meadville " .....Julius W. Jeffries.
Franklin " .....Robert M. Henderson.
Erie " .....Simon P. West.
Elizabeth Circuit,.....Benjamin Wheeler.
Oil City " .....Walter S. Lowry.
Bridgewater " .....Jeremiah M. Morris.
Bradford " .....Benjamin Morgan.
West Newton " .....Charles H. Brown.
Duquesne Mission,.....M. S. Jones.
Olean, N.Y., " .....Rev. Post.
Snowden " .....John W. Saunders.

WHEELING, W. VA., DISTRICT.

John W. Riley, Presiding Elder.

Wheeling, W. Va, Station,.....Price A. Scott.
Washington, Pa., " .....Richard H. Morris.
Cannonsburg, " " .....George G. Skinner;
Waynesburg, " " .....Thomas A. J. West.
Parkersburg, W. Va., Station,.....J. D. Jackson.
Charleston, " " .....Elijah Bazier.
Clarksburg, " Mission,.....William H. Pride.
Morgantown, " " .....L. N. Grim.
Phillippi, " " .....Lewis A. Barber.
Boon, " " .....Price Moore.
West Middletown Circuit,.....Alexander Smothers.

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MINUTES OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 7, 1892.

Preacher's Aid Society was called to order in its annual session by the Vice President, Rev. G. G. Skinner, in the chair.

The Secretary of last year, J. W. Jeffries, called the roll.

The following members auswered to their names, and paid $1.00 each, the annual dues:

J. M. Morris, Norris, R. Brown, Henderson, Skinner, Asbury, Smothers, Christian, D. J. Johnson, Thomas, Wheeler, Sampson, Ross, R. M. Morris, Wright, C. H. Brown, Pride, Young, Woodson, H. Johnson, O. T. Davis, Caliman, Jeffries, Webster, Lowry, Honesty, Simmons, Baker, M. S. Jones, Saunders, Bently, Waldon, P. A. Scott, Filey, Palmer, Till, Tanner, W. H. Brown, Garner.

The question was raised by Brothers Webster and Baker as to the relation a local brother sustained to the Preachers' Aid Society, and if they would receive a benefit in case of sickness, being subject to fines and to the assessments under the Constitution.

After an argument of some length by Revs. W. H. Brown, Ross and Bentley, in which a ruling was asked from the chair. The chairman's ruling was that any local member of the Conference in the itenary, subscribing to the constitution, paying dues and assessments, they become members of the society, with all the rights and benefits of any other person.

The treasurer, Rev. G. C. Sampson, submitted his annual report.

On motion of R. Brown the report was received and adopted.(See report.)

On motion of Rev. W. H. Brown that the present officers be re-elected for the ensueing year.

The motion was amended by Rev. Ross, that the chairman call another meeting during this conference session, at which time the executive committee would have an opportunity to meet and transact such business as might be brought before it.

The motion prevailed as amended.

Collection, $28.50.

Society adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

Monday afternoon, October 10, 1892.

Preachers' Aid Society called by the chair.

On motion of Rev. Ross that Rev. J. J. Norris be elected President. Carried.

Rev. G. G. Skinner elected Vice President.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries elected Secretary.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. J. M. Morris that the Judiciary Committee be the pastors of Wylie avenue, Brown Chapel, and St. James churches. (So ordered.)

On motion of Rev. G. C. Sampson that the books and papers belonging to the Society in the hands of Rev. Wheeler, be turned over into the hands of the newly elected officers, and every member who had not settled be asked to do so before next Conference. So ordered.

On motion of Rev. Ross, that the bill in the hands of the Society, the funeral expenses of Rev. S. H. Lacy, the sum of $30.00. So ordered.

The roll was called and the members paid their assessment of $1.00 on funeral expenses, which amounted to $32.00.

On motion of Rev. I. N. Ross, that the Preachers' Aid Society adjourn, to meet the next session of Conference, at Uniontown, Pa., October 1893.

J. W. JEFFRIES, Secretary.

MINUTES OF HISTORICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

Oil City, Pa., October 12, 1892.

The society was called to order by Rev. Ishmael B. Till, president.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and the dues of 50 cents per member was paid by the following named brethren:

Bishop Daniel A. Payne, D. D., LL. D.,	$ 50
Rev. William H. Brown,	50
" Walter S. Lowry,	50
" Jeremiah M. Morris,	50
" Joshua J. Norris,	50
" Richard Tanner,	50
" Richard Brown,	50
" Robert M. Henderson,	50
" George G. Skinner,	50
" Ishmael B. Till,	50
" Anthony E. Waldon,	
" Jenkins W. Williams,	50
" Charles A. McGee,	50
" Alexander Smothers,	50
" Sandy Christian	50
" David J. Johnson,	50
" Hartley G. Thomas,	50
" Benjamin Wheeler,	50
" Cornelius Asbury, D. D.,	50
" George C. Sampson,	50
" Richard H. Morris,	50
" John W. Riley,	50
" William H. Palmer,	50
" Isaac N. Ross,	50
" Carter Wright,	50
" Samuel C. Honesty,	50
" Lewis A. Barber,	50
" Charles H. Brown,	50
" James W. Lavatt,	50
" William H. Pride,	50
" William N. Young,	50
" Cyrus N. Woodson,	50
" Hutchinson Johnson,	50

"	Daniel S. Bentley,	50
"	Daniel F. Caliman,	50
"	Owen T. Davis,	50
"	Timothy D. Scott,	50
"	Price A. Scott,	50
"	George W. Webster,	50
"	Thomas J. Simmons,	50
"	Ruben H. Baker,	50
"	Charles Garner,	50
"	Henry A. Grant,	50
"	Thomas A. J. West,	50
"	John W. Saunders,	50
"	Milo S. Jones,	50
"	Benjamin Morgan,	50
"	William G. Ralph,	50
"	Simon P. West,	50
	Total amount of dues received,	24 00
	Balance in treasury,	50
	Total,	$24 50

On motion the Secretary of the Society was ordered to take the proceedings of the literary contest, and to record them in the minutes.

Rev. Isaac N. Ross moved that the present officers be re-elected for the ensuing year, viz. Rev Ishmeal B. Till, President: Rev. Chas. H. Brown, Secretary; Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, Treasurer. Carried.

The Secretary was requested to furnish the Secretary of the Conference a copy of the minutes for publication.

On motion by Bishop Daniel A. Payne, that we place in the hands of the Secretary, the sum of $1.00, to go immediately to Pittsburg to purchase a book to keep a record of the minutes of the Society in.

The motion was carried.

On motion by Rev. Timothy D. Scott, that the Literary productions of the Society be preserved, and filed away for future use or publication. Carried.

On motion Rev. Carter Wright was elected the Historian of the Society, whose duty it would be to keep all the premium essays for future reference.

On motion by Rev. Timothy D. Scott, that there should be a roll of honor established in the Society, upon which the names of successful contestants shall be recorded from time to time, and when any one member has received the prize for five successive times, he shall receive a medal; presented by the President of the Society. Carried.

The following brethren read very interesting and well prepared essays, on the subject "Revivals, their good effects, and bad if any."

Rev. Richard Brown, David F. Caliman, Henry A. Grant, and Carter Wright.

The judges affirmed that while all the essays were excellent, that Rev. Henry A. Grant was entitled to the First Prize, $10.00, and Rev. David F. Cellman to the Second Prize, $5.00, which were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of the Society, Rev. Benjamin Wheeler.

Rev. Richard Brown and Carter Wright were declared by the judges to be a tie, therefore neither one received the third prize.

On motion the Society adjourned.

ISHMAEL B. TILL, President.
CHARLES H. BROWN, Sec'y.

MINUTES OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Oil City, Pa., October 7th. 1892.

The Society was called to order by the Vice President Rev. Geo. G. Skinner.

The Secretary called the Conference Missionary Roll, and the following members paid their dues of One Dollar each:

Bishop Daniel A. Payne D. D. L L. D.	Paid	$1.00
Rev. Benjamin Wheeler	"	1.00
" George C. Sampson	"	1.00
" Isaac N. Ross	"	1.00
" Jeremiah M. Morris	"	1.00
" William H. Brown	"	1.00
" Cornelius Asbury, D. D.	"	1.00
" William G. Ralph	"	1.00
" Robert M. Henderson	"	1.00
" Walter S. Lowry	"	1.00
" William H. Palmer	"	1.00
" Sugaras T. Jones	"	1.00
" George G. Skinner	"	1.00
" John W. Riley	"	1.00
" Hutchinson Johnson	"	1.00
" George W. Webster	"	1.00
" Joshua J. Norris	"	1.00
" Cyrus Woodson	"	1.00
" William H. Pride	"	1.00
" Charles H. Brown	"	1.00
" Sandy Christaiu	"	1.00
" Samuel C. Honesty	"	1.00
" Alexandert Smotyers	"	1.00
" Richard Brown	"	1.00
" Charles A. McGee	"	1.00
" Hartly G. Thomas	"	1.00
" David J. Johnson	"	1.00
" James H. Pangburn	"	1.00
" William N. Young	"	1.00

"	Junius W. Jefferies	"	1.00
"	Ishmael B. Till	"	1.00
"	Daniel S. Bentley	"	1.00
"	Richard H. Morris	"	1.00
"	Carter Wright	"	1.00
"	Jenkins Williams	"	1.00
"	Reuben Baker	"	1.00
"	James W. Lavatt	"	.75
"	Thomas. J. Simmons	"	1.00
"	Charles Garner	"	1.00
"	Thomas A. J. West	"	1.00
"	David F. Caliman	"	1.00
Mrs.	Thamazine McDaniels	"	1.00
"	Mary A. Johnson	"	1.00
	Total		$43.75

On motion by Rev. Richard Brown that Rev. George G. Skinner ce re-elected Vice President. Carried.

On motion by Rev. Robert M. Henderson that Rev. Charles H. Brown be re-elected Secretary of the society. Carried.

On motion by Rev. Richard Brown, Rev. Jeremiah M. Morris was re-elected Treasurer for the ensueing year.

The Bishop stated that the Secretary of the society should prepare a copy of the minutes for the Secretary of the conference, for publication in the minutes.

On motion the society stood adjourned.

Rev. George G. Skinner, Vice President,
Rev. Charles H. Brown, Secretary.

REPORTS.

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT OF ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

REV. W. H. BROWN.

To the Bishop and Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In making this my second annual report of the Allegheny District, I wish to record my gratitude to Mighty God for his continued blessings; to the ministers of this district, and to the people for their generous help; whose hospitable homes I have found a hearty welcome. During the year we have lost one of our itinerant brothers, Rev. Samuel H. Lacy by death. Rev S. H. Lacy fell asleep at his home on the 6th day of March. He died a peaceful death. In this affliction we have all claimed a share. Rev. Lacy stayed by his post in Franklin, Pa., until he was properly released. He was in poor health for several months before his death.

Something of suffering has come to us, but great has been the mercies of God to us. A great disaster has fallen upon the people of Oil City and Titusville in the loss of many lives. Oil fires and floods have brought great suffering and distress to the people. Over an hundred souls perished in the floods and flames of Oil City and Titusville. In another part of our work there have been strikes and bloodshed, and the town of Duquesne has been under military law for four months. We are pleased to report that no colored citizen has been engaged in these unlawful demonstrations, and we believe that these labor strikes by white men are doing more to solve the Negro problem than any other one agency. We are glad to report that our young people are availing themselves of opportunities of education. Ten years ago it was a rare thing to have a graduate from the high schools in the bounds of this district. This summer alone seven of our young ladies and gentlemen have graduated from our high schools and colleges of the district, which shows conclusively that our people are advancing on the line of education. The district has furnished more students for Wilberforce in the last ten years than any other territory for its size

that we know of. It has been our object to urge our people to educate their children, and especially at our own Wilberforce University.

Our district, though peor and humble, has led the Conference in raising educational money, and we hope to increase our educational subscription this year. Our churches are calling loud for an educated, pious and sanctified ministry.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

Uniontown, Rev. Carter Wright, pastor. At this growing and thriving town, through the energy and perseverance of the pastor, our church is about complete. The church is of modern style, with the latest improvements. Too much credit cannot be given to the pastor. He has worked day and night for his people. Rev. Wright has won the confidence of all classes and shades of people. He is now preparing fnr the dedication of his new church.

Brownsville church, Rev. G. W. Webster, pastor.

Brother Webster has succeeded in every department of his church both spiritual and financial. We can but say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Monongahela City church, Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D.

Brother Palmer has been true to his trust, and did the best he could with the heavy and pressing debt of over twenty years standing. The debt has been reduced a little this year.

The Presiding Elder would respectfully appeal to our Presiding Bishop, D. A. Payne, to lay this church before the Church Extension Board for relief. Without some foreign help we will likely go under. And now, dear Bishop, will it please your reverence to give this matter your special attention. The people are loyal and do the best they can. They have our sympathy and prayers.

Elizabeth church, Rev. C. H. Brown, pastor.

This circuit consists of two churches, East and West Elizabeth. Peace and prosperity are in these two churches. The people take great delight in paying their pastor a living salary, and meeting their Conference claims. They are now raising money to remodel their church in East Elizabeth.

Brother Brown is much loved, and has done a good work.

West Newton church, Rev. J. W. Riley, pastor.

This circuit is composed of West Newton and McKeesport. The pastor had to discipline some of his members on this charge, which caused some unpleasantness, but all was amicably settled and a good revival was enjoyed at McKeesport. Rev. Riley makes a better report this year than he did the last. At the close of the Conference year in this work the pastor was highly complimented by the officers and members of his charge.

South Side, Pittsburgh, church, Rev. R. H. Morris, pastor.

This charge is in a very good condition. The property is out of

debt. The pastor has worked hard and deserves much credit and a better charge.

Brown Chapel, Allegheny City, Rev. I. N. Ross, pastor.

Under the management of this able and efficient pastor the old chronic debt has been reduced to sixteen hundred dollars. It is the unanimous wish of both saint and sinner that the Bishop hear their prayer and return their beloved pastor for another year.

The financial report of this church has been on the increase every year of Rev. Ross' administration. In the year 1893 we expect the year of jubilee to come to this people, by being freed from her debt. God grant it may. The pastor in closing up his work for the third year was highly complimented by the Quarterly Conference.

Chartiers A. M. E. church, Allegheny City, Rev. D. F. Cahman, pastor.

The spiritual and financial work of Rev. D. F. Caliman, to say the least, has been marvellous. If ever a Bishop was guided by a Divine Providence, Bishop Payne was in appointing Rev. D. F. Caliman to this church. The church was scattered as a society; the property was almost in the hands of the sheriff; even the gas was turned off, with no light from heaven and earth; debts on every hand; members discouraged and scattered. This dear brother went in the name of our God, who never lost a battle. The blessed Master has crowned his labor with abundant success, which his reports will show. The membership has been doubled, and over one dollar for every member of his church on dollar money. The church prays for his return, and we would especially recommend his return.

Bridgewater Circuit, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, pastor.

There are two points on this work: Sewickley and Bridgewater, both in excellent condition spiritual and financial. Bridgewater is entirely out of debt; the people are generous, kind, and take great delight in paying their church dues. Sewickley church is beyond the danger line in her debt. Rev. Jeffries has done a good work. He has been on this work three years, and if he is not returned we trust his successor will be his equal in the work. The work has been visited with a revival of religion, and I wish to say right here that the revival meetings in the Allegheny District are conducted in an intelligent and becoming manner, and not such as our dear Bishop referred to on the first day of the opening of the Conference. With the educated and refined pastors such ways of conducting revival meetings are at an end in this Conference. Wherever Rev. Jeffries may be sent this year we recommend him as one of our ablest and best pastors.

New Brighton church, Rev. A. E. Waldon, pastor.

This church is in an excellent condition. Rev. Waldon has done a good work, which his reports will show. Peace and harmony prevails on this charge. Rev. Waldon has proven himself to be a good and faithful worker.

Oil City Circuit, Rev. W. S. Lowry, pastor.

As usual, this charge lacks nothing. All of her departments are in good condition. Rev. Lowry's special fort is disciplining his flock and training them in church work. He is a successful pastor and faithful to his God and church.

Erie, Pa., Rev. W. H. Pride, pastor.

This Mission has done very well this year, for the first time in sixty-five years. The pastor reports the church out of debt, with a property valued at $3,500. Rev. Pride has worked hard and has the confidence and respect of all his people. We would recommend this charge to the prayerful consideration of the Missionary committee for help. Our people in Erie are intelligent and refined.

Meadville church, Rev. J. W. Lavatt, pastor.

The condition of this church has given us many sleepless nights in thinking what is best for its interest. We commend its interest to the consideration of the Bishop now holding this Conference. While there is considerable disunion among the people, yet we have some as good and faithful members as can be found anywhere in our great church. We must have a change of pastors.

Franklin.—This church has been temporarily supplied by Rev. G. G. Vreeland, of the New York Conference, ever since the death of Rev. S. H. Lacy, who departed this life on March 6th, 1892. Durthe year the people have built a beautiful little parsonage with five rooms, at a cost of about $800. The membership is small but very earnest in the work.

Bradford Mission, Rev. R. M. Henderson, pastor.

This Mission consists of Bradford and Kane, with but a very few members and a very few of our people. They do the best they can. The women are trustees, class leaders and stewards. The reason these females are officers is because we have not men sufficient to run the church, and these women do their work well.

NEW WORK.

Duquesne Circuit.—This work we organized in November, 1891, out of Bellevue, Duquesne and Pleasant Green, and appointed Rev. M. S. Jones to the work. He has done well. We have purchased a lot for church purposes, at Duquesne, and in the near future we expect to erect a chapel for worship of God.

Bellevue is another point. On the work at this point we have a flourishing Sunday-school, managed by a white gentleman by the name of Brother Martin and his wife, with two other young ladies of the U. P. church. They are of the highest type of christian character and education. They run the school in strict conformity to our church and discipline.

Pleasant Green—At this point we have a few of the old stock of our people, but no real estate church property, though many of our people have been in this neighborhood for nearly an hundred years,

and it has been a preaching place for sixty years. We are sorry to say we can see no progress they have made. The younger people leave for other parts as soon as grown. Still we have hope in the rising generation.

Charolie Mission—This is a new work in a new town. We visited this town and called upon the people on several occasions during the year, and advised them to go into an organization of an A. M. E. C. and ordered Rev. Peter Boman to go there and preach as often as he could. He went on Sabbath as regular as he could and preached for them on Sabbath. After Brother Boman had preached for them for about five months they sent for the Presiding Elder to come and organize them into a society. This being so near conference, the Elder was not able to go, so we deputized Rev. Dr. N. H. Palmer to go and represent the P. E., and organize them into a society, to be known as the African M. E. church, which he readily did and collected conference funds to the amount of $4.00. We now present you the work, trusting in God it may prove a success.

Snowden Mission, Rev. J. W. Saunders, pastor—This is another new work, taken up by Brother Saunders, whose life and work has endeared him to the people of Snowden.

Olean, N. Y., Rev. W. Post, D. D., pastor—This is a mission work of but a few poor people, not able to do but little for themselves and nothing for the conference, and never trained to give for the support of the Gospel. Rev. Post, of the Genessee Conference M. E. church, has done a good work. He has organized an A.M.E.church and built a chapel and nearly paid for it by subscriptions from his friends. He has served this charge for nearly four years with wonderful success and without a cent of pay. We recommend this work to remain a mission; and Rev. Post returned.

There are fifteen quarterly conferences in this District. Each pastor has given a particular account of his work and of all money in his annual report, Indeed, everything in general

The following will show the work of each pastor and his charge, of the finances solicited for church work in general and particular:

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	COLLECTED.
South Side, Pgh.,	R. H. Morris,	$ 953 65
Uniontown,	Carter Wright,	1860 00
Brownsville,	G. W. Webster,	1110 00
Brown Chapel,	I. N. Ross,	3562 00
Monongahela City,	W. H. Palmer;	1028 60
New Brighton,	A. E. Waldon	1002 90
Meadville,	J. W. Lavatt,	454 55
Oil City,	W. S. Lowry,	1495 87
Elizabeth,	C. H. Brown	1193 77
West Newton,	J. W. Riley,	987 75
Bridgewater,	J. W. Jeffries,	1184 89

Erie,.....	W. H. Pride,.....	833 34
Bradford,.....	R. M. Henderson,.....	463 31
Chartiers,.....	D. F. Caliman,.....	714 92
Franklin,.....	G. G. Freeland.....	2251 00
Olean, N. Y.,.....	W. Post,.....	—— —
Duquesne.....	M. S. Jones,.....	461 00

All of which we respectfully submit for your consideration.

I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

W. H. Brown, P. E.

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Pittsburg Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: I beg leave to submit to you my second annual report.

Another year has come and gone, with its ever fleeting changes, and stern realities, amid which the ministers and people of the Pittsburg District have labored untireingly, and for the most part faithfully and successfully.

With a few exceptions the health of the Pastors have been unusually good; sufficiently at least, to enable them to stand the severe labors, and growing responsibilities incident to true ministerial life, and the slow but steady progress of the work in the Pittsburg District.

There has been an increase of membership during the year.

In some charges great spiritual working, and scores gathered into the fold of Christ.

Bethel Church, at Williamsport, together with those of Danville, Bloomsburg, Montrose and Everett, stand first on the list.

Indeed all the Pastors have made, as I believe, special efforts for the conversion of souls, and have been blest with revivals, more or less resulting in the salvation of many.

There has been received on probation during the year, 117. Into full membership, 194. Total 371.

Those received are principally adults, and in many instances, heads of families, from which we look for a better system of home training, with more general results.

While we are frank to confess that we have not realized our highest expectations in the all important work of gathering souls into the fold of Christ, yet we are especially thankful to God for victories achived amid great conflicts, and ardous labors.

CHURCH BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

Something has been done in the way of Church Building and Repairs.

A substantial church has been built at Braddock, by Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, which was dedicated on Sunday, June 26, 1892.

To this enterprise the good people of Braddock have manifested their interest by making liberal contributions.

While Elder Wheeler is deserving of great credit for his skillful management and taste in the construction of this edifice, to the glory of God, and the comfort of the people with whom he has labored faithfully, under great financial embarrasment.

In this grand accomplishment as in many others of a similar character, he has made for himself a name that will live long after he shall have ceased to labor.

A foundation and basement for a new church at Bedford has been built and paid for by Rev. H. G. Thomas. In addition to this he has paid off an indebtedness of $80. at Everett, and leaves the work in a good condition.

At Tyrone a church lot has been purchased, at a cost of $750., $225. of which has been paid.

This work is being conducted by Rev. Charles Garner, a local member of this Conference. He has labored with undaunted courage, and renewed zeal and energy, under many unpleasant circumstances, to the end that African Methodism may plant firm her standard in that fast growing town.

The church and parsonage at Milton have been repaired by Elder Sandy Christian, all of which has been paid for.

A new pipe organ has been put in Wylie avenue A. M. E. church, at a cost of $750., one half of which has been paid under the pastorate of Rev. Cornelius Asbury.

Something has also been done in the way of paying off church debts.

In East End, Pittsburg, the St. James A. M. E. church, under the administration of Rev. George C. Sampson, has raised and paid on a lot for a new church, $491.

At Williamsport, Rev. Richard Tanner has raised and paid on the main debt of Bethel church, $700.00, reducing it from $1,400 to $700.00.

In the meantime creditable sums have been collected in other charges, for incidental and other purposes.

Judging from the reports of the various charges, which indicate an increase, we have reason to believe they will excell those of last year.

The year, however, has been one of seeming financial depression; strikes in manufacturing and mining districts, where we have churches, have greatly affected our collections.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

There is a gaining interest in our Sunday school work.

The schools taken out of our district last year, left us not only in a bad humor, but in such a financial embarrasment, that we were not

able to have the minutes of the Sunday School Convention printed. Notwithstanding the work is, from present indications, on the increase.

The schools are becoming more and more informed in regard to the missionary work, and the agencies to be employed, to the end that greater results may be accomplished.

The children are becoming more familar with the Sunday school literature, in the use of which they are embibing African methodism and ideas, and thus better fitted for future usefulness in the church of their choice.

In conclusion we feel warranted in saying that African Methodism is getting a stronger hold, and is laying a deeper and broader foundation in the Pittsburg District, and while we have not accomplished all that might have been accomplished, yet there is evidently in the hearts of the people of our District, an increased knowledge of obligation to the powers that be, and of the infinite honor to be servants of the most high Lord.

The following statistics will show the total result of the year's work:

Full Members,	1,361
Probationers,	98
Sunday Schools,	22
Pupils,	1,061
Teachers,	129
Books in Library,	2,927
Collected for S. S. including Children's Day,	$ 651.75
Collected in S. S. Missionary Society,	284.35
Mite Missionary Society,	
Collected by Trustees,	7,348.42
From Rent of Avery Property,	3,929.00
Total for all purposes	$11,277.42

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastors Salaries,	$ 7,366.82
Presiding Elders Salaries and Expenses,	878.74
Charitable Purposes,	240.57
Endowment Day,	221.36
Contingent,	20.77
Bible Coause,	20.21
Dollar Money,	632.50
Grand Total from all sources,	$21,561.38
Increrease over last year,	$3.580.58

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT OF THE WHEELING DISTRICT.

REV. C. A. M'GEE.

To the Bishop and Members:

It is with a great degree of pleasure that we submit to you our third annual report of the Wheeling District.

We thank God that the lives of our brethren have been spared, and that none, this year, have fallen victim to death. We also praise God for the care He has vouchsafed unto us in the preservation of our lives, health and strength.

We have travelled a distance of five thousand miles of railroad without an accident, and have failed to preach only two Sabbaths and that on account of sickness.

We are sorry to say that this has not been a year of ingathering of souls. Last year we reported five hundred fifty-nine full members, this year we report five hundred ninety-three—an increase of only thirty-four above last year. Number of probationers, sixty-nine. We had hoped to double our membership this year, but have failed; but while we have thus failed we feel satisfied saying that the District has advanced religiously, morally and intellectually, and in a few years our beloved Zion will be established throughout the beautiful state of West Virginia.

No. of members died this year, 23; expelled, marked and left without certificate, 30; removed from district by certificate, 16; children baptised, 23; adults, 34.

Our Sabbath School work is in excellent condition; all of our schools using our own connectional literature.

A very interesting Sabbath School Convention was held in Washington, Pa., in July, but we regret that owing to pressing demands in other parts of the state we were unable to attend.

Our church property in this district is valued at $35,000; indebtedness, $4,598, most of which is in such a condition as can be easily managed.

Rev. T. D. Scott has served the Parkersburg Mission two years. This church is not in a very prosperous condition, one great disadvantage being that the pastor had to teach school for support. and could not give to the work the necessary attention.

This church is heavily indebted and they petition the Bishop to send them a young man if possible.

Rev. J. J Jones was appainted to the Wheeling charge at our last annual conference, b it was removed from the charge January 28th, for allowing and encouraging at his church, entertainments

He tried to break up our church by organizing an independent church, but the Lord brought the council of the ungodly to naught, and the church is moving on. The church has been greatly improved and beautified, papered and painted inside and out.

Rev. S. H. Artope took charge of tha church the first of May, and has done a good work. He has been transferred by the Bishop to the Ohio conference. Wheeling pays a good pastor six hundred dollars.

Rev. J. M. Morris served Washington this year. He has served two years, and has made many improvements on this grand charge.

Rev. G. G. Skinner has been at Cannonsburg two years, and is doing a grand work. Cannonsburg is a first-class charge.

Rev. T. A. J. West was at Waynesburg. He has greatly improved the work during the years he has been there. Waynesburg is destined to be a first-class charge in the future. The people ask that the next session of the annual conference be held there.

Rev. W. N. Young is at West Middletown Circuit. It consists of West Middletown and Wellsburg.

Both places have been greatly improved under his administratien.

At Wellsburg our people have a small house, in which they worship.

A lady who died left the church $500.00, but owing to some defect in the will they have not been able to get it, but their attorney thinks that he can get it, so the people hope to build a new church before the next Conference.

Rev. J. W. Williams has been at Clarksburg Mission one year.

The church there is not in a prosperous condition. There has been but littl co-operation between Pastor and people.

Rev. Williams is a good preacher, but has failed as a Pastor.

Rev. T. A. Scott has been at the Charleston Mission two years, with some degree of success.

Rev. Scott has had to teach school for support, and could not give the proper and necessary attention.

We could soon have a flourishing congregation there if the proper attention can be given the work.

Rev. L. N. Grimm, a local preacher, is on the Morgantown Circuit. It includes two points: Morgantown and Kingwood.

The church at Morgantown has been repaired this year, and I think the prospects for this church look very bright. I think this can be made a prosperous Circuit.

Rev. L. A. Barber is on the Phillippi Circuit.

This is new work with four points, twenty members.

Brother Barber has worked hard with good success. The prospects for this work looks very bright.

Rev. E. Bazier, a local preacher, has been on the Boone Mission for two years, and has done a grand work.

This year he has built and paid for a new church; a neat frame building, 25x30 feet.

This church was dedicated July 10, 1892. It was the first church dedicated in Boone County.

At Weston we organized a flourishing Mission, with seven mem-

bers, but the work has suffered, and if it is not lost for the want of attention, there is a good opening there for our church.

I recommend that Weston be attached to Clarksburg, and known as Clarksburg Circuit.

We have a very flousishing mission in Raleigh County, with 24 members, and one in Wyoming, with 13 members.

A good Circuit rider in this part of the state could do a great work. The people seldom hear the gospel, and are anxious for our church to come.

Under existing circumstances we feel some degree of satisfaction over the progress of our work.

Our disadvantages have been many and great. Some of our ministers have been poorly paid.

The Presidnig Elder has not received more than half support.

We have not been able to travel unencumbered, but in many instances we have had to go more like beggars than Presiding Elders of a great church.

The Baptist and M. E. churches are both well organized in the state; West Virginia, yet there is room for us if we will only occupy; but we cannot do so without money and labor.

The Presiding Elder of the M. E. church, who travels over the same territory I do, is paid one thousand dollars per year, and receives from $700. to $1,000 annually for the support of missions in the District.

The Baptists have two regular traveling missionaries in the state, who are supported from their general fund. They travel, preach and distribute tracts and bibles, and church and Sabbath school literature among the people gratis.

By this you can see what our disadvantages are, when we are sent into the same field empty handed.

There was a time when our church could have taken the State, but the opportunity was lost. We should not fail now.

There are 35,000 of our people in the State. Membership in the M. E. church is 2,677; in the Baptist church 3,000; scattered among other churches, 1,000; A. M. E. church, 216; total church membership of State, 6,893, leaving 28,107 persons who are not in any church. Who is it that says there is no more room in West Va. for our church? Let none hear you idly saying "There is nothing I can do," &c.

The many such resources of the State are being rapidly developed. Railroads are being built in every direction; glass and other manufactories of every kind are being reared upon every mountain and in every valley, and coke ovens are being built by the thousands. The population is increasing at a rapid rate, and our church should follow up these new railroads and towns and unfurl the banner of African Methodism wherever our people are found in sufficient numbers.

While our progress has been slow this year, we are stronger in the

belief that if proper attention is given this mission field in a few years we can have a West Va. Conference to be proud of.

My support this year has been.....$100
Collecied from District..... 290

Total.....$390

Paid out for traveling expenses $85. The Presiding Elder of this district should receive at least $400 annually, besides what the district pays. This would give him a salary of about $600. If this cannot be done we suggest that the Pittsburgh Conference be divided into two P. E. Districts instead of three.

I desire to return my thanks to the members of the district for the kindness with which they have received and welcomed me during the year. While there has been a great deal of prejudice against the Presiding Elder system the brethren have all done everything in their power to make it pleasant for us, and to collect the Presiding Elder's money.

With the exception of the trouble at Wheeling with Rev. J. J. Jones, peace and harmony has reigned. The members of the different churches have also shown me great kindness. This I believe to be an impartial statement of the condition of the work in the Wheeling district.

Whatever our failures have been, we have done the best we could that the work will be accepted by the beloved Bishop and the brethren. Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MCGEE, P. E.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Temperance is one of the primary elements of human virtues. With the ideal man it is interwoven into all the avenues of practical life. It is one of the foundation stones upon which the higher virtues, namely: righteousness, purity and love, are built. It enters into the very beginning of Christian experience and teaching, and it sits as sentinel over all the faculties of the human heart.

The importance of this subject is seen in the teaching and exhortation of St. Paul before Felix, when he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come; thus making temperance one of the integral elements of Gospel instruction.

It is the abuse of this virtue that has and is causing a vast deal of sorrow, ruin and destruction in the land. Intemperance asserts its diabolical character in all the phases of social, intellectual and moral

life. But the most alarming, threatening and dangerous feature of intemperance is found in the use of intoxicating liquors. This phase of intemperance has assumed such vast proportions that its defiant and deteriorizing effects are seen and felt in the very heart of our civil, social and religious life.

The appalling misery and ruin in respect to intoxicating liquors need no repeating here, for they are disclosed to every observing mind. The great question of the hour is, how can this hydra-headed enemy, so persistent in its destruction to the race, be subdued and conquered. We are pleased to note that measures are being put forth in various ways to rescue and reform its unfortunate victims; and to educate the youth in respect to its deleterious effects upon the physical as well as the moral being.

We also give due credit to the United States in ratifying the Brussels treaty, which prohibits the importation of spirituous liquors into the African territory. Yet, notwithstanding these measures and efforts to check it, onward it sweeps; higher it rises, leading political and moral sentiment captive at its will. In the United States last year there were 303,935 public school teachers, and over against these were 204,913 liquor dealers. Liberia imports 70,000 gallons of intoxicants for every missionary it receives.

The report of the Commissioners of Internal Revenue for the year ending June 30, 1891, shows the following appalling increase in the amount of liquor withdrawn for consumption: 1890, 85,043,336 gallons; 1891, 88,473,437 gallons; increase, 3,430,101 gallons. Thus we plainly see that the evil and destructive tide of intoxicants are persistently increasing in spite of the present efforts which are being made to suppress it. Hence something more remains to be done. Not that any legitimate methods which are being employed for its suppression shall be suspended with; but that in addition to these, we as ministers and moral teachers declare absolutely and emphatically for the prohibition of the liquor traffic. You ask how shall this be accomplished? We answer, 1.—By the preaching of the infinite Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, brought to bear upon the minds and conscience of humanity, thus molding sentiment to this end. We believe that if every minister were to advocate the prohibition of the traffic, not third partyism, but that righteousness and the interest of home and native land demand, that we rise up in all our intellectual, moral and religious strength against this evil. 2.—As the drink problem has assumed a political phase and recognition, there we believe should be a well directed ballot uncompromisingly wielded against it. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as members of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, and as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ, do all in our power to extricate the desolating traffic of intoxicating liquors, both by preaching and precept. And we therefore recommend the use of un-

fermented wine for communion purposes.

ISAAC N. ROSS,
S. CHRISTIAN,
C. WRIGHT,
Committee.

Resolved, That we as ministers and members of the Pittsburgh Conference do hereby pledge ourselves to do all we can to discourage the use of tobacco in all its forms. And be it

Resolved, That all of us who believe that the grace of God is sufficient to help us overcome the habit and are using it will quit the use of it ourselves.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

To the Bishop and Members of Pittsburg Conference:

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report.

Education is the development and cultivation of the physical intellectual and moral faculties. And in a general sense comprehends all the means which contribute to this result in an individual from infancy through life.

And in order that this object may be accomplished and each child receive the education necessary to render him a useful member of society schools and institutions of learning have been established for almost all conditions of mankind.

In the earliest ages the education and culture of the people have been a matter of deep concern.

It was so among the Hebrews who sent their children to the established schools from their fifth and sixth year.

The Grecks paid strict attention to the education of their youth, and had their schools under the supervision of the State.

The United States makes the education of their children the main forture for good citizenship.

Among her noted institutions of learning are Yale, Princeton, John Hopkins, and many others made so by years and skilled management, have grown to be the pride of the nation.

The hope of the A. M. E. church for the education of the race and mankind is her institutions of learning and culture.

In the foremost rank is Wilberforce University, the idea and primitive form of which was conceived in the mind of the venerable Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., which seemed visionary to many, but today it is the pride of the race. Also, there is a first-class Theological institution connected with the college for special training of young

men for the christian ministry. It now has enrolled quite number of students for this high calling.

J. M. Morris,
A. E. Waldon,
R. H. Morris,
H. G. Thomas,
S. C. Honesty.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. Samuel H. Lacy was born in Buckkannon, West Virginia, on the 15th day of January, 1850, and died at Waynesburg, Pa., March 6th, 1892, at the age of 42 years, 1 month and 22 days, and was buried at Waynesburg, on March 6th, 1892.

He was conscious of his approaching death, and requested that Bros. J. M. Morris, G. C. Sampson or W. S. Lowry should preach his funeral sermon. The funeral sermon was however preached by Rev. J. M. Morris, assisted by G. A. McGee and G. G. Skinner.

Brother Lacy leaves a wife and two children; but we are glad to say that he leaves them in comfortable circumstances, having a good home. Brother Lacy joined our church and was licensed to preach at Yellow Springs, O., in 1873. Attended Wilberforce 1884, and from there went to the Kentucky Conference and was received. From said Conference was transferred to the West Tennessee Conference. He joined the Pittsburgh Conference at Bellefonte, in 1883, under Bishop J. A. Shorter, and remained a member of this Conference till his death. He had served the following appointm nts: Sewickley, Southside, Waynesburg, Bradford, Montrose, McKeesport, Wheeling and Franklin, which latter place he was serving at the time of his death.

Brother Lacy was an earnest worker in the church, having built the church at Sewickley, and also at Waynesburg. Therefore, we the committee, in behalf of this Conference, do extend to the widow and her children our sincere sympathy in their loss of a loving husband and noble father, who fell at his post and has entered into the assembly of the glorified, the church of God.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Samuel S. Lacy the church has lost an earnest and efficient worker; the family a loving and affectionate companion, and the community in which he lived a useful and progressive citizen.

Resolved, That we, while our hearts are filled with sorrow on account of the dispensation of God's providence, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, believing that our loss is his infinite gain.

Resolved, That we will ever hold him in grateful remembrance, and that by the grace of God will press forward to meet him in that rest where the surges cease to roll.

We also extend our sympathy to Bro. J. J. Norris and his excellent wife because of the loss of their two children.

Guy W. Norris died October 5, 1891, aged 7 years, 5 months and 20 days. Ida Norris, Feb. 18, 1892, aged one month.

We also extend to our Brother Richard Brown and his wife our sympathies for the loss of their son, H. F. Brown, who departed this life Oct. 26th, 1891, at the age of 17 years.

He joined the church at Monongahela City, at the age of 13, and was among the brightest and most consistent of christians.

Nancy C. Sampson died at Canonsburg, Pa., on February 4th. 1892, aged 78 years and 21 days.

All of which we most respectfully submit.

C. A. McGee, Chairman,
W. Brown,
G. C. Sampson,
J. M. Morris,
Secretaries.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Twenty-fifth Session of the Pittsburgh Annul Conference of Bethel A. M. E. church:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following. We admit the possibility and even the necessity of a divine or supernatural revelation from God to man. This has been by deistical ra ionalist in all ages of the world denied, by stating that a rational insight must prepare the way for faith; for without a rational understanding of the truth, faith is not sure of its principle.

Then one can only believe what one can only comprehend. Then mysteries are not objects of faith. Until dissected by logic or reason, faith, then, is the product of argument. If rationalism is true, the first thing is to doubt the truths of the Bible, then dispute those truths, then believe whatever is understood. 1st Tim. 3–16: "But without controversy great is its mystery of salvation."

This christianity affirms and confidently refers to the Bible as containing such a revelation. We maintain that its claims are authenticated by a paramount of evidences which are sufficient to render unbelief in the Bible unreasonable and criminal.

Reason should serve faith and control it.

Because, that which exists objectively is greater than that which exists subjectively in the mind. That existence, then, which nothing greater can be conceived of in the mind, is God. The basis of this is realism, or the actual existence of being. The highest conception of the human mind is the actual existence of God.

This conviction of the actual existence of God as revealed in the Bible is deeply seated in the human consciousness. None can rid

themselves of it. For as the face answereth to face from a clear stream of water, so the conscience in the soul answereth to the actual existence of God.

Therefore, while deistical rationalism denies the possibility and necessity of a Divine or supernatural revelation, we confidently affirm that the Holy Scripture contains a revelation from God to man as seen (1) from its authors, who claim to be the messengers of God, to speak by His authority and in His name.

The message is not to be received on the authority of the writers themselves, or on the ground of the inherent evidence in the nature of the truth, but upon the authority of God. It is He who affirms as true what the sacred writers wrote. If this is not admitted the sacred writers must be regarded as fanatic or impostors. It is potitively certain they were neither.

Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (2). The Bible contains nothing inconsistent with the claims of its authors to Divine authority as teachers.

Its claims are not impossible or absurd, or inconsistent to truth. More than this, it reveals truth of the highest order that could not otherwise be made known.

These truths meet and satisfy the most urgent wants of our nature.

They solve the problem that the rationalist has never been able to solve with their fine spun orations.

It recognizes and authenticates all the truths of consciousness which our moral and religious natures involve.

These are recognized as true as soon as presented to the immortal mind.

These truths have the same relation to the immortal nature that the atmosphere has to the physical nature, or the solar influence has to the earth on which we live. What the earth would be without the solar influence is an evidence of what the soul would be without knowledge of the truth derived from the blessed Bible.

We are pleased to note that the heralds of this blessed Word, east, west, north and south, are organizing themselves in bands known as Epworth League, and Christian Associations, all for the purpose of disseminating the truths of the Bible. Therefore, while there is such an uprising on the part of others in the distribution of the Bible, be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers in the Pittsburgh Conference, do all they can to awaken a deeper interest in the minds of their members by preaching a special sermon on the distribution of the Bible and urge a liberal contribution to the cause.

ISHMAEL B. TILL.
ALEXANDER SMOTHERS,
JOSHUA I. NORRIS,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

Your Committee on State of the Church and Country submit for your consideration the following report:

The hand of the Lord is still holding His church, and she is resting firmly on the sure foundation laid in Zion.

When we reflect upon the past and come along the line of history to the present, we have great reason to rejoice in the progress that has been made, and the victories that have been achived.

The church is exerting a powerful influence for good, over the world, and her position is more respected, and the work in which she is engaged is in better condition than ever before in any period of the past.

The pessimistic idea is that the world is getting worse, but we are not willing to admit that the Christianity which we profess, and the work of the church of Jesus Christ are failures.

The old flag, stained with the rich blood of the Precious Redeemer is floating proudly, and the Captain of the salvation of the Lord's host is leading on a mighty army, from conquering to conquer.

We are pleased to see the interest tl at is being taken in the great work of missions. Men and women all over the christian world are consecrating themselves to God, and are answering the call for laborers in the Master's vineyard; saying, here am I, send me.

The work of christian education is prospering in the hands of the Lord's servants.

Institutions for learning, in every department of education, are being sustained, and their life perpetuated, by the efficient labors of the church.

Our church maintains thirty-eight schools, of the highest order.

The heart of the church is right on questions of morality. She respects God's law, and offers no compromises with the powers of darkness.

America is a country which in many respects is truly great. Her resources furnish abundant provisions for all her inhabitants, and there is a full supply for many millions more.

The form of our Government exists upon principles that are pure and sound.

The instrument arranged by the Fathers, known as the Declaration of Independence, is in the principals which it set forth, an admirable document, but we regret to record the fact tbat they have not been practically observed by the citizens of our country, and the powers that be. Disregard for law and justice exist in many parts of our land. The lynching of negroes in the South, and in some parts of the North, meets our stern disapproval, and stirs within our breasts a feelings of much indignation.

The arm of the government should be strong enough to protect

all her citizens, no matter what may be their condition or circumstances.

Great confusion, and even bloodshed has been witnessed in some places of our land. At Homestead an unlawful assembly formed on the shore of the Monongahela river to prevent the landing of barges, containing employees of the Carnegie Steel Works, and as the result of the conflict, eleven lives were lost.

The strike of railroad men at Buffalo was an unfortunate affair, which we sincerely regret.

Resolved, that we renew our zeal for God, and His church, to the end that His glory may fill the whole world.

Resolved, that this Conference is in favor of closing the gates of the Columbian Exposition, or World's Fair on Sunday.

Resolved, that we condemn the practice of hunting to death citizens of our country at the hands of mob and lynch law, and we firmly believe that a remedy for this evil could be found, if the laws already enacted were enforced.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the loss of life caused by the conflict between capital and labor, and we are in favor of severly punishing those who lead in movements which produce such serious results.

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
CHARLES A. MCGEE,
JOHN W. RILEY,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Oil City, Pa., October, 1892.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Missions, submit for your consideration the following report:

This is one of the important parts of our church work; because it pertains to the advancement of God's kingdom, and the salvation of souls.

The command of our Chief Missionary was. "Go ye into all the world, and teach all nations."

We all cannot go to Africa or Hayti, or even to different parts of our own country, yet we can help with our mite. While our hearts are full of the spirit of missions; vexed questions occupy our minds, as to how we may win the uninterested? How shall we get into the spirit of true work—true prayer—true sacrifice for Christ? How shall we train our young people to efficient service in missions? And what argument may be used to prove that organized effort is better than the old hap-hazard way?

We look with interest to the missionary field, both home and foreign. We are aware of the fact that it is an asylum for much labor, and that we should carefully consider the situation as it now presents itself. It is a field in which much can be accomplished for Christ's cause, by taking the proper steps.

The work in Africa moves slowly under the present state of affairs, yet we still see a way to do more for the evangelizing of that benighted land.

A few years since in a missionary meeting, held by Dr. Burns Thomson, in the city of Edenburg. He urged the young men to give themselves to the Lord's work, and go to Africa as medical missionaries. A young man replied: "Well, I am not a doctor, and therefore can not go out as such, but I am an engineer, and propose, if the Lord will, to go as an engineering missionary." Here was a man ready. He had a missionary spirit, and every personal qualification of a spiritual kind. He had also a clear and sensible idea of a special mode of usefulness in the missionary field.

Imbued with this spirit he went out to Africa, with a hope to connect Christianity with modern civilization; and the world to-day knows of him.

Again, we see our own loved Bishop, Rev. Henry M. Tarner, who made his way across the vast waste waters, and viewed the land for himself, and there organized the first Church Conference on African soil.

We know our church can grow, if we will but work. For even the heathen kings; so says Bishop Tarner, declare our church the church of their kingdom. And be it

Resolved, that we institute missionary training schools. They must be trained for the work of foreigh missions.

We would suggest that we urge all of our members, and the congregation, to give one cent each Sabbath in the year, and five cents to be paid at each missionary meeting. Easter Sabbaths excepted, at which time all are to give according as God has blessed them.

We would further suggest, that in each Presiding Elder's District the churches hold an Annual Missionary Convention in the interest of the cause of missions, and that these provisions be strictly observed by all ministers and members.

W. S. Lowry,
J. Lavatt,
G. C. Sampson.
Committee.

AMENDMENT.

Whereas it is the sense of the members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference to increase the missionary funds, and

Whereas the subject of missions is growing more and more potent in respect to the foreign fields, therefore be it

Resolved, that we urge all of our members and congregation to give one cent each Sabbath in the year, and five cents each missionary meeting, Easter Sabbaths excepted, at which time all are to give according as God has blessed them.

Resolved, that the members of the Pittsburg Conference hold an annual missionary meeting, as provided per discipline.

Resolved, that we move as an amendment to the resolutions in the missionary report; that we the members of the Pittsburg Conference establish a Chair in Wilberforce, and maintain it for the purpose of training missionary workers for our missionary field in Africa, and that Rev. W. S. Lowry, G. G. Skinner and W. H. Brown be appointed a special committee to ascertain the cost of such a chair, and formulate such plans by which we may be able to raise the money within the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference.

D. S. Bently,
Charles Tanner.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

Oil City, October 10, 1892.

To the Bishop and Members of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Pittsburg conference:

We, your committee on Circuits, Stations, beg leave to submit the following report:

I. We recommend that the Pittsburg District remain as it is.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

I. We recommend that Duquesne and Pleasant Green constitute a mission, and be known as the Duquesne Mission.

II. We further recommend that Olean, N. Y., be attached to the Allegheny District, and be known as the Olean Mission.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

I. We recommend that Weston, W. Va., be taked up and attached to Clarksburg, and be known as the Clarksburg Mission.

R. Brown, Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

At Trinity M. E. Church—10:30 a. m., Bishop B. W. Arnett will preach the ordination sermon; 3 p. m., Mite Missionary Society meeting, addresses by G. C. Sampson, D. S. Bentley and W. H. Palmer, M. D.; 7:30 p. m., preaching by C. Asbury, D. D.

Brown Chapel A. M. E. Church—7:30 p. m., Gospel Temperance meeting, addresses by I. N. Ross, J. W. Riley and W. H. Palmer; 7:30 p. m., preaching by H. T. Johnson, D. D., editor of the Christian Recorder.

U. P. Church—10:30 a. m., preaching by D. F. Caliman; 7:30 p. m., J. W. Jeffries.

Free Methodist Church—10:30 a. m., Richard Brown; 7:30 p.m., T. D. Scott.

Evangelical Church—10:30 a. m., C. Wright; 7:30 p. m., J. J. Norris.

Baptist Church—10:30 a. m., C. A. McGee; 7:30 p. m., G. G. Skinner.

Presbyterian Church—10:30 a. m., I. N. Ross; 7:30 p. m;, Richard Tanner.

Grace M. E. Church—10:30 a. m., C. Asbury, D. D.; 7:30 p.m. I. B. Till.

Y. M. C. A.—4 p. m., P. A. Scott and D. F. Caliman.

W. S. Lowry, Com.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To the members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

Grace, mercy and peace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Dear father and brethren.

We greet you in the name of Him whose spirit incites us to righteous endeavor. True indeed is it that the spiril quickeneth and disposes us to zealous work for the universal triumph of the Kingdom of God among men.

We enter the twentieth quadrennium of our existence as a church under favorable circumstances; but not without increased responsibility. Appreciating that high degree of confidence expressed in me by the action of the last General Conference in placing me at the head of the financial department, I have entered upon the work with the avowed purpose of strengthening every interest for which this department is responsible.

Recognizing that this cannot be accomplished withour your aid, I invoke your hearty co-operation.

$313,341.44 dollar money collected in our last quadrennial was doing well. Let us collect $400,000 before the gavel shall call to order our general conference in 1896.

The above amount will, according to our present law, allow $24,000 for church extension, $160,000 to be distributed by the annual conference, and $216,000 by this department. Do you say "Amen"?

Brethren, the embarassed condition of your treasury up to date has made it impossible to meet the demands. The aggregate amount per quarter for salary is about $8,000, which should be paid in full

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Bishop and Members of Pittsburg Conference:

Again it becomes our pleasant duty to present our paper on Sunday schools.

We have watched with no little interest the steady increase of the Sunday schools of our churches, not only in numbers, but also in intelligence. The constant endeavor on the part of both pastor and people, to place at the head of the Sunday schools of their several churches, the brightest intellect in their power, is to us an evidence of the fact that a day of deeper bible study is fast approaching.

The reports from the schools for the year that is past indicates that a spirit of Christian emulation has taken possession of the officers, teachers and scholars, which must result in great good; to not only the present, but to generations yet unborn.

The Sabbath school Conventions held in the different districts this year have been very successful. The papers read, the addresses and the discussions carried on were full of force and thought, while the large increase in attendance, and the deep interest taken in the proceedings show that there is a great awakening on the part of all connected with our churches and schools, as regards the study of God's holy word.

There is in many of our schools a tendency on the part of our young men and women to unite with the schools and form bible classes, which in some instances old gray haired fathers and mothers are found every Sabbath afternoon, reading God's holy word. This demands our praise and thanks to Almighty God.

The forming of advanced bible classes, and normal classes among senior scholars, and teachers is a feature that demands, at our hands, some consideration in order that teachers may be better prepared to instruct and interest our classes.

We are glad to notice the fact that our own literature is being used in our schools, in preference, and to the exclusion of all others. This is as it should be.

By a comparison of figures we are sorry to notice a very slight decrease in attendance. While this is to be regretted we feel sure the interest that is being taken in all of our Sabbath schools will not only in a large degree compensate the loss, but will have a tendency to add a larger number to the schools in the coming year than we have lost in the year just past, and so, full of thankfullness for the past, and full of trust in the future we again renew our vow, to cheerfully labor on for God and our humanity,

Respectfully submitted,

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Whereas, The late General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., has seen fit to return him to us for a second term, and

Whereas, We believe that the success of a Bishop in a Conference district largely depends upon the co-operation and success of faithful and devout pastors,

Therefore, Be it resolved that we, the members of the Pittsburgh Conference, hail his coming with delight, and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge him our support by renewed efforts and a more vigorous activity, in order that we may accomplish this important end with a greater degree of success.

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Therefore I am under the necessity of employing this method of bringing the department to the attention of the Conference of the church, though I know it adds an extra burden of care and responsibility to your already heavily taxed mind and heart, but which I feel you will willingly assume in the interest of this newly organized, but greatly needed department of our church work.

Therefore, dear Bishop, I beg that, to the end that this department may be early placed on a basis of practical helpfulness to our many struggling societies, you will give it your personal attention, hearty support and co-operation.

First, by appointing as per the law, Art. 10th, of Constitution, a Conference Board; placing a very active man at its head, into whose hands shall be placed the interests of the department of Church Extension in the Conference, both during its session and in the interim.

Secondly, by kindly giving the Committee one evening during the Conference for a public meeting in the interest of Church Extension, when special speeches may be made on the subject, explaining the objects and operations of the society, after which a public collection may be taken for the department, which may be added to the 10 per cent. of the 60 per cent. due the department.

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C. T. SHAFFER.

TENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Oct. 3, 1892.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church: Greetings—

Allow me to congratulate you on the strong degree of faith and hope with which the Church is inspired, as it enters upon the work of another quadrennium. It is my intention that the Sunday School Union shall not be found lagging behind other departments in its efforts to enlarge its sphere of usefulness.

Your attention has been called to the action of the Bishops at their meeting in Washington, D C., July 27, 1892, relative to the Children's Day Money raised this year. They unanimously decided that the entire amount should go to this department. and that there should be no division of it with the Church Extension Society, as that department will not go into operation until May 1st, 1893. Moreover, the Bishops felt that this department was justly entitled to all the Children's Day money raised this year, as it did all the work and bore all the expenses of preparing for it.

The collections from Children's Day this year have been so meager as to greatly embarrass the Department.

I reported to the General Conference an indebtedness of nearly three thousand ($3,000), which I expected to have paid out of the Children's day money of this year. Our collections, though, have been so small that we have not been able to pay more than one thousand dollars of the amount due. Our bank holds a note of fifteen hundred dollars against us which must be paid. I therefore earnestly ask that whatever Children's money may be reported at the present

ter. We recognize in God our Father-man, our brother. God, the great central head from whom we receive our spsritual light, energy and knowledge. It is this divine light that illuminates the soul of man and fills the mind with supernatural knowledge. We often wish for language to express these mysterious wonders of the soul's investigations. Yes, there is a great and eternal principle within, having eyes, ears, wings and senses far beyond the ability of the material. How often have we thought within far higher than we can express. How often we sing songs far more musical and harmonious than any song that can be sung. Poets have greater poems than has ever been given to the world, a living, acting mind of the soul that cannot be expressed, and were it not for this imperfect medium, disorganzed by sin, thoughts would not come faltering from our lips, and our language would be as eloquent as that of an angel. Yes, these bodies would be equal to every thought. The great problem of the world to-day is to get back together what sin has separated. Our language has been confounded, our love blighted.

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Dear Father, we are assured by your earnestness, knowing that you have considered the gravity of the great and weighty responsibility which will engage your attention while here in session, We are satisfied that you have made the church and ministry and God's servants a subject of prayer. We welcome you in behalf of our Home and Foreign Mission work; of those at home and in foreign lands, to whom, in the providence of God, our church is called to minister the Gospel. We welcome you in behalf of our public schools and the interest of our church in the education of the race. We welcome you to our prosperous city, amidst the rolling hills and to the placid waters of the Allegheny, from which you will quench your thirst. We point with pride to our hills and valleys, made famous in the production of gas and oil, from which our city derived its name.

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But there is one who cannot be with us to receive our welcome. Rev. Samuel H. Lacy, who has been called from our midst and is welcomed into the city and courts of the saints' eternal rest, and waits to welcome us in the city above, where the surges cease to roll.

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Financial statement from the Third episcopal district, Pittsburgh annual conference, 1892:

Dollar money collected for the year	$1575 49
60 per cent. forwarded to the financial secretary	850 77
40 per cent disbursed by conference as follows:	
To widows	270 00
To orphans	50 00
To superannuated preachers	175 00
To make up deficiencies of salaries	100 00
To aid our needy colleges	35 19
To church extension society	94 53
Total disbursements	$724 72

WALTER S. LOWRY,
BENJAMIN WHEELER,
J. M. MORRIS,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. J. W. Riley. money loaned,	$ 12 75
Rev. W. H. Brown, money loaned,	52 50
Bishop D. A. Payne, check on N. Y. bank	500 00
Rev, W. G. Ralph	75 00
Rev. W. S. Lowry,	37 00
Bishop Payne, check,	782 56
Bishop Payne, travelling expenses,	45 00
Bishop Arnett, for cuts,	10 00
Rev. T. D. Scott,	10 00
" Robert Henderson,	10 00
" W. H. Pride,	20 00
" J. W. Lavatt,	20 00
" L. A: Barber,	20 00
" W. N. Young,	15 00
" H. G. Thomas,	8 00
" Price Scott	15 00
" C. N. Woodson,	10 00
" C. Garner,	20 00
Mrs. Gracy Offer,	30 00
Mr. M. S. Jones,	10 00
" J. W. Williams,	15 00
" T. J. Simmons,	10 00
Rev. W. S. Lowry, express and dispatches,	1 50
Bishop B. W. Arnett,	55 00

Rev. C. A. McGee,	35 00
Mrs. Lacy,	40 00
Rev. O. T. Davis,	15 00
" W. H. Palmer,	5 00
" S. P. West	7 00
" G. G. Vreeland	10 00
" Sandy Christian,	15 00
Mrs. Annie Jackson,	30 00
Hutchinson Johnson,	5 00
Bishop Arnett, for budget,	10 00
Rev. W. S. Lowry, express,	1 20
" " "	4 00
" R. H. Morris, secretary,	10 00
" Richard Brown,	8 00
" C. H. Brown, sec	5 00
" S. T. Jones and preachers' widows,	297 62
Draft to Armstrong,	350 00
Rev. C. Shaffer,	94 53
" B. Morgan,	5 00
" C. Garner, dispatch,	40
Bishop Payne, Bible Cause,	40 38
Sister Watt,	30 00
Bishop Payne, scholarship,	50 00
Rev. David Lewis's widow,	15 00
Total,	$2512 44

J. M. Morris, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCES.

We your committee on finances, most respectfully submit the following report:

Dollar money collected,		$1595 49
Conference percentage, dollar money,	$630 19	
Church extension percentage, dollar money sent on,	94 53	
Percentage of the dollar money sent to the general treasurer,	850 77	

Disbursements of the conference percentage of the dollar money were as follows:

To Rev. S. T. Jones, superannuated preacher	$100 00
Rev. W. G. Ralph, " "	75 00
Sister Clara West, widow,	30 00
Sister Grace Offer, widow	30 00
Sister Annie Jackson,	30 00

Sister Mary Russel, widow with three children,.....	45 00	
Sister Margaret Evans, widow.....	30 00	
Sister Fannie Cyus, widow.....	30 00	
Sister Rosetta Jackson, widow with two children.....	40 00	
Sister Watt, widow.....	30 00	
Bishop D. A. Payne, travelling expenses,.....	45 00	
Bishop B. W. Arnett, " "	55 00	
To the three children of our deceased Brother David Lewis.....	15 00	
Total,.....		$595 00
Balance,.....		35 19
The amount of Missionary Money reported.....		$799 49
Sent on to the secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society,.....	$371 91	
Brought to conference,.....	427 58	
Overpaid percentage to the General Secretary.....	52 12	
Disbursements of missionary money were as follows:		
Rev. R. M. Henderson,.....		$ 62 50
" Wm. H. Pride.....		20 00
" N. S. Jones.....		10 00
" S. P. West.....		7 00
" J. W. Lavatt.....		20 00
" J. W. Saunders.....		10 00
" G. G. Vreeland.....		10 00
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" P. A. Scott.....		15 00
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" H. G. Thomas.....		8 00
" T. J. Simmons.....		10 00
" S. Christian.....		15 00
" H. Johnson.....		5 00
" J. W. Post.....		10 00
Contingent moneys received.....		68 64

The following bills were paid from the contingent money:

Stationery.....	$11 00

Hack hire	12 00	
Expressage and telegram	1 20	
Sexton	7 00	
Printing programs	7 00	
Use of tables for conference and hauling	4 00	
Conference Secretary	10 00	
Recording Secretary	5 00	
Paid Rev. J. Riley borrowed money at last conference	12 00	
	$74 92	

Educational money collected in conference for Payne Theological Seminary.

Paid Bishop Arnett	$163 00	
	3 00	
	$166 00	
Endowment money reported		$608 60
Sent to President Mitchell	599 54	
Balance brought to conference	9 06	
Sunday School Union money collected		141 22
Sent on to Rev. C. S. Smith	129 06	
Reported cash to conference	11 62	
Bible cause in hand		40 38
Mite Missionary money		87 83
Total amount of moneys reported to committee		$3,434 65
		3 00
From all sources, grand total		$3,487 65
Balance in hand from all moneys		172 60
Total		$167 60
Appropriated for scholarship at Wilberforce		50 00
Rev. Riley for missionary work		15 00
Paid Sister Watt		30 00
Bible cause		40 38
C. Garner, for telegram		40
W. H. Brown, hack hire		75
Brother D. Lewis' three children		15 00
Sent to J. W. Post by W. H. Brown		10 00
		$161 53
Paid Postoffice orders		1 68
Total		$163 21

Balance in treasury..... 7 85

W. S. Lowry,
J. M. Morris,
C. Asbury,
I. N. Ross,
B. Wheeler,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

To the Bishops and Conference:

I beg leave to make the the following report of the Preachers' Aid Society.

With gread sadness we report the death of our beloved brother, Rev. Samuel H. Lacy, who, after passing through the strain of a long illness of great severity, and on the sixth day of March, 1893, he triumphantly paid the debt that separated him from us, causing us to mourn his loss and remember his sweet voice as he sang, "Take it to Jesus," during our last Conference, will ever hang upon our ears.

I am glad to inform you that thirty-six of our members responded to the call and paid over to me as Treasurer of said Society for his widow, Sister Martha Lacy, to help bear the expenses of the funeral, to the amount of $35.50, viz: Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., Revs. Huchison Johnson, Wm. H. Pride, Geo. C. Sampson, Cyrus N. Woodson, I. B. Till, D. S. Bentley, O. T. Davis, Richard Brown, Sandy Christian. Chas. Gardner, T. Simmons, I. N. Ross, C. Asbury, Peter Brown, J. W. Jeffries, J. D. Johnson, D. F. Caliman, Carter Wright, Reuben Baker, R. Tanner, B. Wheeler, Robert Henderson, Jenkins Williams, J. V. Young. J. M. Morris, J. W. Riley, Alex. Smothers, T. D. Scott, G. G. Skinner, W. S. Lowry, S. C. Honesty, G. W. Webster, S. A. Barker, C. A. McGee, paid me one dollar each. Rev. James A. Lavatt paid me fifty cents.

We are very sorry that the Secretary's books show that our aged father, Rev. S. T. Jones, allowed himself to discard the Society, and hence has no claim on its benefits. We sent out cards at a cost of $1.25, making a call for him. The only reply made was Rev. J. M. Morris, $2.00; Geo. C. Sampson $1.00; Rev. T. A. J. West 25 cents, making in all $3.25.

Elder S. T. Jones has been quite ill all the year. Would urge the brethren to do all they can to relieve our dear Father out of our individual means, that we may gladden the old man's heart. Remember we are all growing old.

We had left in our hands from last year.....$101 25
Received this year from monthly dues..... 39 00

Monthly dues by public collection	7 08	
By death assessments to S. J. Lacy's widow	35 50	
Sickness dues S. T. Jones	3 35	
Total receipts	$186 08	
Expenses and outlay	40 00	
Balance	$140 08	
Paid for printing		$ 1 25
Paid on funeral expenses		35 50
Sick dues, S. T. Jones		3 25
		$ 40 00

GEO. C. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

OIL CITY, PA., Oct. 10, 1892.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburgh Conference. Greeting:

Rev. Bishop and Brethren:—We, your Judiciary Committee, beg leave to make the following report of our doings in the case of Rev. J. J. Jones, charged with violation of our church laws by allowing dancing at church festivals.

After having carefully reviewed the letters in the hands of Presiding Elder Charles A. McGee, and listening to his statement, do hereby, after prayerful consideration, heartily endorse the action of our Bishop and Presiding Elder McGee, and we recommend that his name be dropped from the roll and expelled from the connection.

C. WRIGHT,
RICHARD TANNER,
GEO. C. SAMPSON,
W. G. RALPH.

S. C. HONESTY, Secretary.

LETTER FROM REV. G. G. VREELAND.

OIL CITY, PA., Oct. 11, 1892.

Dear Bishop and Brethren of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, of the A. M. E. Church. Greeting:

Holding as I do credentials of appointment to go as a missionary to Liberia, west coast of Africa, and commissioned as Presiding Elder of the Liberian District, and being earnestly desirous of going to my work as soon as possible, and having of necessity to seek after means wherewith to go to that distant shore. Therefore I make to you and Conference this appeal for aid in tangible form. We pray you in the

name of our God and His Christ, that you aid us as much as lays in your power, that I may be enabled to have passage for self and wife. You will confer a lasting blessing on the work and a great favor on the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ if you will comply with this appeal.

We desire to take our departure from New York on Nov. 3 on City of Paris, and it will take $86 each for passage to the West Coast of Africa per second cabin passage, and if this Conference will do what it can to aid us, we shall get ready very soon, and our grateful prayers will ascend to God for you that His richest blessing may rest upon this Conference and all concerned.

P. E. Liberian Dist., W. C. A.

I hereby affirm herein that I wrote to Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., in regard to funds wherewith to go to Africa, in accordance with his own appointment, but received in reply that there was no money at present in the treasury, and therefore I would be obliged to pay my own expenses or solicit funds for the same, and that I should hasten to my field of labor, assigning reasons therefor.

Yours for Christ and Africa.

G. G. VREELAND.

VOTE OF THANKS TENDERED BISHOP ARNETT.

Resolved, That we return a vote of thanks to our dear Bishop, B. W. Arnett, for his valuable aid to our revered and sainted senior Bishop, D. A. Payne, and for his fair and impartial ruling in our sessions. Also, for the grand and noble manner as one of our grandest representatives of our grand church, and thus asserting him. That he is always welcomed in our presence.

GEO. C. SAMPSON,
seconded by REV. WM. H. BROWN,
Presiding Elder.

OIL CITY, PA., Oct. 12th, 1892.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your commitee to whom was referred the communication from Rev. G. G. Vreeland concerning the matter of assisting him in paying his traveling expenses as a missionary to Liberia, report the following: We have carefully investigated the condition of our treasury and have found that there is no available funds which we can use for that purpose. After serious consideration we are compelled to say that the best we can do is to refer him to Bishop Turner and the Missionary Board, with our best wishes and prayers for his success in the great

field of labor to which he has been appointed.

DANIEL S. BENTLEY,
CORNELIUS ASBURY,
W. H. BROWN.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

To the Bishop and Members:

October 14, 1892.

Whereas we have been so royally entertained by the generous lib eral hearted members and friends of Brown Chapel M. E. Church, in their beautiful and cultured homes, be it

Resolued That we return to them our sincere thanks for their kindness. Also to the choir for their sweet music which has gladdened our hearts to the citizens for their geneial contributions to the seve ral entries to which they have contributed to the city papers for the public, which they through the valuable columns have given our proceedings to the churches for opening their doors to us and especialy to the Rev. Mr. Tharlow and the christian members of Trinity M. E. Church for cordially tendering us the use of their beautiful edifice our special services. Last but not least, to the large hearted pastor of this church far the partial provisions made for our entertainment. Further, to our beloved Bishop for the impartial manner in which he has presided over our conference; we pray God that his health may be reserved, his life prolonged to bless the church and race further that we feel under renewed obligation to him for the he has reflected on the scripture of divine! truth and the divine truth and the manner in which he has simplified the daily scripture lessons which he has read to us.

Signed,
I. N. ROSS,
I. B. TILL,
C. A. MCG EE.

DOLLAR MONEY.

WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURG.

Cornelius Asbury, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Barney Maloney, Samuel Golden, John P. Golden, Hentietta Golden, Lydia Cain, Elizabeth Peck, Susan Branson, Mrs. Gould, Charles Long, Isadore Thompson, Arthur Winston, Mary Winston, Edward Dammond, William Coates, Ellen Coates, Carrie Coates, Richard Crowley, George Knox, Lucy Knox, Bell Singleton, Lewis Hill, W. H. Jones, Carrie Ball, A. F. Lawson, Sterling Austin, Elizabeth Hawkins, Mortimer Dimmey, Jemima Woodson, Lizzie R. Gibson, Mary Ditcher, Abraham Winn, John Foggs, Jennie Winn, Moriah Johnson, Lucretia Tyler, Theresa Waters, Taylor Jones, Mary Johnson, Jane Lovett, W. H. Johnson, Robert Brady, James Wilson, A. I. Billows, Walter Billows, Robert Jackson, Henry Dodds, J. E. Thompson, Page W. Douse, Catharine Currie, William Banks, Mary E. Perkins, Julia Logan, George W. Green, David A. James, Mary J. Dickson, Susan R. Bates, James H. Johnson, Anderson Roy, Hannah Clarkson, Robert Jackson, Jr., Mrs. R. R. Thompson, M. L. Graves, Wilson Palmer, Mary F. Southern, Anthony Baltimore, Fannie Carter, Mary V. Brady, Frederick Ragan, Cora V. Washington, Gracie P. Offer, Georgie Ragan, George W. Massey, Moses Watson, Mary Watson, Hannah Robinson, G. A. Eglin, Henry Myers, Thomas Hankly, Josephine Baltimore, David Gordon, Fuller H. Black, Thomas J. Spriggs, Fannie Highgate, William Highgate, Harry Coleman, John R. Bell, Mary E. Moseby, Hannah Carter, J. C. Morton, Bessie Monroe, Thomas J. Monroe, Sr., Adam Watkins, Mrs. Rodgers, J. F. Gilbert, H. W. Allen, John W. Howard, Stephen Cox, Rebecca Cox, D. J. Duguid, Julia Washington, William E. Mason, Catherine Gray, Robert Golden, Sophia Golden, Martha Wells, Aaron Randals, John Austin, Susie Wilson, Ellen H. Owens, Henrietta M. Googins, Virginia Proctor, John Edwards, Annie Johnson, James Cain, Daniel Johnson, W. J. Butler, James Reed, Beverly Riley, Jane Palmer, Margaret Ball, William S. Topson, Maggie Douse, Joseph Christie, Helen E. Gale, C. H. O'Donnell, M. J. Billows, Florence Billows, Della O'Donnell, Willis Austin, Cordelia Carey, C. G. Armstrong, Joseph B. Walker, James Alex-

ander, J. R. Vaughn, Wright Becket, Catherine Beckett, Martha Black, Asbury Thompson, Emma Thompson, Tenie Bell, Martha Raynee, J. H. Moss, A. P. Halliburton, R. F. Sawyer, Mrs. Sawyer, B. Dickens, Amelia Latta, G. J. Washington, Louisa Brown, John Backus, L. S. Asbury.

Lucy Cain paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Lizzie Taylor, Martha Simpson, Sophia Johnson, W. H. Hilton, Mary F. Hilton, Thomas J. Gatewood, Mattie Jones, Margaret A. Backus, Frederick Ragan, Jr., Carrie Ragan, Lewis Hunter, Joseph Friendly, William Henderson, R. R. Thompson, Annie Hughes, Granville Googins, Henry Stanton, Margaret Stanton, James Dickson, Gertie Armstrong.

Catherine Berry paid 25 cents.

Total, $162.00.

BROWN CHAPEL, ALLEGHENY CITY, PA.

I. N. Ross, Pastor.

The following persons have paid $1.00 each:—Mary Pearson, Benjamin Vaughn, Lillie Dorcans, Scott Colman, Wm. Smith, A. W. Burry, Wm. H. Frazier, Joseph L. Smith, Henry Williams, C. H. Robinson, George Hutchinson, Anna Yates, Robert Lee, Florence Skinner, Henry W. Jones, H. F. Jones, E. M. Crunkleton, Catharine Davis, Nancy Ransom, Emma Turipon, D. R. Lee, Mrs. Jas. E. Lewis, Mr. Jas. E. Lewis, Frank Johnson, Alice Davis, E. J. Cox, George Hutchinson, Emeline Johnson, Chas Brunson, Sarah Catlin, J. E. Morris, Mary A. Beal, Finley Cuff, Carrie Stafford, Sylvester Burrell, Ellen Smith, Louis Queen, Mrs. L. Cuff, Kate Speaks, E. F. Hill, M. J. Hall. Mrs. L. Flemming, Sarah Gilkenson, Nancy Porter, Samuel Wylie, Laura Lewis, A. J. Whalen, Alfred Bay, Lillie C. Washington, Nathan Peters, Helen Smith, Solomon Randals, Sallie Barber, Andrew Queen, R. Hunter, Sarah Sterling, Ruth Jones, Myrtle C. Jones, Sarah Sethwick, Lizzie Jones, Carrie M. Jones, Emily Wilson, Lucie Roberts, Florence R. Jones, Mary Fitch, Sarah Wilson, Jordan Botts, Amanda Brown, Carrie B. Crunkleton, Sarah Clark, George Zimmerman, Emma Taylor, Priscilla Crunkleton, Henry M. Jones, Mary E. Cramer, Lucy Watson, Adam Wilson, Mrs. Godfrey, Sarah Henry, N. Miller, Mason Washington, Jennie Sawyer, Carrie B. Crunkleton, M. J. Hall, E. F. Hill, Lucy Austin, Chas. Robinson, Francis Robinson, Margaret Wiley, Jas. H. Page, Geo. W. Cook, Sarah Stanton, Amanda Holmes, John H. Clark, Martha A. Johnson, Sarah Dickson, Hiram Myers, Pattie Gales, Georgan Bruce, Lizzie Johnson, Bessie Robinson, M. C. Cross, S. E. Sanders, Geo. W. Stoner, Ella Stoner, Belle Robinson, Mary T. Patterson, Jacob B. Long, Emma Long, Margaret Cummings, Samuel H. Morris, Samuel M. Lewis, Chas. Sweeny, Maggie Zimmerman, Mrs. Thomas Moore, Louisa Sawyer, Anderson Black, Jennie Page.

The following paid 50c. each:—L. V. Howard, Mary A. Brooks, G. F. Silas, Jas. E. Howard, Ruth Cox, Carrie E. Crunkleton, Martin L. Wells, Wm. Crunkleton, Annie Streets, Amanda Smith, Hattie Crunkleton, Sarah I. Smith, Thadus Montgomery, Mrs. D. Lee, Henry Bruce, Henry Crunkleton, Sosephine Cook, Lizzie Moore, Sarah Montgomery, Isreal Kelly, J. H. Stewart, Mamie Frazier

The following paid 25c. each: Sarah Davis, Eva Slofer, Kesiah Roberts, Chas. Slofer, Geo. Wilson.

TRINITY CHAPEL, TITUSVILLE, PA.,

Walter S. Lowry, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—George Umphry, Mattie Neal, Jane Neal, William Dougias, Mrs. Douglas, John Kinney, F. M. Rakes, Francis Johnson, Julia Richards, Annie Jackson, Margaret Brown, Emaline Hockins, James Rollins, Jennie Rollins, Lida J. Lett, Mary A. Hemsley, Henry M. Gregry, Mary Sedric, Lida A. Lowry, M. J. C. Thomas, Elias Degrah, William Hector, Catherine Hector, I. H. Thomas, Charlotte Clark, John Neal, John Clark, Elizabeth Degraff, A. C. Johnson, Martha Walker, Jennie Hill, Tempy Gray, Maggie Simons, Charles Simons, J. E. Lucas, R. H. Gray, Emma Hill, Cora Orbison, Levi Newsome, Maggie Carter, Jennie Jackson, Elizabeth Bassett, Maggie Lucas, Annie Hutchinson, Robert Mann, Peter Bryent, S. T. Lucas, Mrs. S. T. Lucas, Mary Newsome, Unknown Name, John Lucas, Ellen Green, Jessie Barrett, Major Franklin, Mrs. S. Jenkins, Bessie Lucas, Carrie Newton, Noble Johnson, Lida Franklin, George Scott, Laura Neal, Annie White, George White, Henry J. Robertson.

The following persons paid 75 cents each:—Mrs. Peter Bryant, S. Murphy.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Catherine French, Andy Bolden, Wesley Paul, Ruth Hopkins, Louisa Williams, W. A. Henson, Susan Anderson, Alice Bolden, Joseph Hill, Mamie Enty, Rosey Paul, Charles Jackson, Julie Wood, Laura Rolins, Maggie Rolins, F. E. Thomas, Maud Clark, Albert Clark, Willie Brice, J. S. Clark, Levi Samuels, Sarah Samuels, Mary Hartshorn, Levinia May Hartshorn, Carrie D. Harper.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Charlotte Green, Miss Tempy Gray, R. M. Green.

Total, $78. 75.

CHARTIERS STREET A. M. E. CHURCH, ALLEGHENY, PA.

David F. Caliman, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—J. H. Ridgely, James Slifer, Henrietta Slifer, George Dexter, Lizzie Morrison, C. M. Diggs, Caroline Taylor, William Miner, Ida Richardson, Jennie

Lucas, Mary Dexter, W. H. Robinson, Fred Dexter, James Burrells, Anna Greenleaf, Manerva Smith, W. F. Lucas, Anna Delany, Laura Robinson, Sarah Wright, Aaron Cox, Mary E. Williams, Laura Steward, Fannie Diggs, Estella Young, Luther Young, Syrus Bell, Pheby Bell, Dudley Marshall, Rachael Dorsey, Daniel Dorsey, M. E. Burrells, Joshua Frazier, Carrie Williams, John Gross, Pauline Stevenson, Mildred Brown, Joseph Brown, Joseph Smith, Josie Smith, Ida Riley, Homer Riley, Joseph Richards, Nettie Richards, Arena Hill, C. W. Hill, Noah Manny, Hettie Henry, Esaw Cox, Annie M. Slifer, Mamie Ridgley, M. E. Dorsey, Liddie Marshall, Emma Washington, C. T. Carroll, Josephine Carroll, Solomon, Cleuy, James Robinson, William Marshall, William Jones, William Lucket, Nora Galaway, Charles Titus, Ellen Titus, Peter Allen,

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Sarah A. Manny, Elizabeth Chambers, Jennie Dorsey, Susan Diggs, Julia Diggs, Birdie Miner, Walker Stevenson, Louiza Diggs, John Thomas, Retitia Thomas, Mary Miner, William Ross, Emly Stevenson.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Oliver Lucas, Susan Peterson.

Total, $71.50.

BRIDGEWATER, PA.,

J. W. Jeffries, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Clara Ash, A. W. Tanner, Lewis Ash, Kate Boice, Lucy Tanner, Harriet Butler, Katie Ford, Peter Lee, David Simpson, Elizabeth Simpson, Sidney Freeman, Ruth Patterson, Annie Patterson, J. N. Carter, E. J. Orhorn, Annie Peters, J. W. Butler, Frank Smith.

Nancy Evens. paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Nelson Scroggins, Mercella Butler, Minnie Tanner, Mariah Ash, Hettie Carter, Clara Freeman, Rachel Cole, Chauncy Viney.

Clara Ford paid 25 cents.

Total, $23.00.

SEWICKLEY, PA.,

J.W. Jeffries, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Jennie Johnson, Saddie Dungee, Jane Moreland, L. A. Morris, O. C. Merriman, M. Dickerson, Amy Jackson, Eliza Jones, Kate Willard, W. E. Williams, Francis Fleming, Lucy Anderson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Elizabeth Jeffries, Virginia Jeffries.

M. A. Key paid 25 cents.

Total, $14.25.

LEWISTOWN, PA.

OWEN T. DAVIS, Pastor.

The following persons each paid $1.00—James T. Hall, John Robinson, Annie T. Davis, Hannah C. Johnson; Aaron Vincent paid 80 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each—Heneretic Vincent, J. W. Crown, J. L. Griffith, Elizabeth Palmer, Mary Hall, Belle Eby.

The following paid 25 cents each—Maria Williams, J. D. Rogers Hester Gibs, P. Montgomery, P. E. Brown, Mary Rogers, Sadie Dorsey, Martha Dorsey, Hattie Stone.

Total, - - $9.55.

HUNTILGDON, PA.

The following paid $1.00 each—John S. Murrell, Toompson Richardson, Moses Murrell.

The following paid 50c each—George Ford, Belle Ford, Henrieta Murrell, Francis Tolver, E. S. Dobson, Tillie Baker, Lettie Richardson.

The following paid 25 cents each—Herseey Johnson, Sadie E. Kieth, Mary Thornburg, James Coonrod.

Total, $11.00
9.55

Grand Total, $20.55.

TYRONE, PA.

CHARLES GARNER, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00 each—A. P. Lancaster, A. B. Plowden, G. W. Bryant, C. T. Thomas, Charles G. Garner, Emley Johnson, S. J. Lancaster, C. R. Thompson, Ernest Willis, G. W. Williams, G. W. W. Bradley, J. Mallissa Garner.

The following paid 50c each—Daniel Milton, J. H. White, Harry Jones, W. M. Pondexter, Catherian Jones; U. Crompton, 25c.

Total, - $14.75

WHEELING.

J. H. ARTOPE, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00 each—Lucinda Bradford, Martha Winters, Lucinda Thompson, Martha Lewis, Barbara Shy, Mary E. Jackson, Samuel Jennings, Annie Whitney, Darkess Barber, Robert Johnson, Julia Johnson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each—Oscar Winters, Alice Grant, Elizabeth Jackson.

Total, - $12.50.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

The following paid $1.00 each—John W. Herron, Emily Hackins, Rachel Henoon, Amanda Dennes.

The following paid 50c each—Glasgo Cameron, Elmira Cameron Henry Stooky, Caroline Denis.

The following paid 25c each—Ella Henson, Ada Henson, Lidda Stookey.

DANVILLE, PA,

The following paid $1.00 each—Geo. W. Grines, Martina Andrews.

The following paid 50c each—John C. Hardy, Anna Hardy, Cumley Young, Charles Baker, John Grines, Ella Grines.

The following paid e5c each—Joseph Mellix, Mary E. Grines, Emma Norris.

Total, - $12.50

CLARKSBURG.

J. Williams, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00 each—Flora Giles, Eliza Frazier, Agnes Ogden, Gay McGee, Lena Robinson, Julia Beckwilh., Eliza Strayder, Elizabeth Johnson, Nanny Carter, Maria Brent, Martha Weble, Polly Frazier.

The following paid 50c each—Sophia Lee, Netty Williams, Julia Ross, Maria Littleton, Allen Lee, Hiram Frazier.

The following paid 25c each—Chauncy Williams, Cecelia McGee Alfretta Williams, Belle Carter, $1.00.

Total, - $16.00

MONTROSE, PA.

C. N. Woodson, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each—George L. Battle, Nimord Slaughter, P. P. Naris, B. Nailer, Estaline Slaughter, Sarie Janes Naris. Della Woodson, Janes Wilson, John Eree, G. Battle.

The following persons paid 50c each—May Harison, Judgen Blair Elias Booery.

The following persons paid 25c each—George Carroll, Willowomine Woodson, Leah Woodson.

WAVERLY, PA.

The following persons paid $1.00 each—Egnatus Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas, John S. Johnson, Susan Baker, Frank Johnson, Sarie Lee, Fannie Samson, Susan Samson: Louis Parks, 75c.

The following persons paid 50c each—James Washington, Ellen Parks, Jones Johnson, Lilie Smith.

PHILIPSBURG, PA.

D. J. Johnson, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00 each—John Jones, Elijah Onley, Mary Johnson, Jennie Payton, Jeannetta Johnson, Mary A. Johnson.

The following paid 50c each—Kate Jackson, Charles Carter.

CURWENSVILLE, PA.

The following paid $1.00 each—Lysander Taylor, Hattie Taylor.

The following paid 75c each—Charlott Joner, Annie Jones.

EAST ELIZABEPH, PA.

C. H. Brown, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00 each—Jane Martin, Francis Pangburn, Elijah Pangburn, Maggie Norris, Parthenia Haddox, Dorcas B. Scott, A. W. Scott, A. J. Batch, J. W. Batch, James Teppins, Hannah Matthews, Annie McFarlaad, George McFarland, Hannah Davidson, T. J. Davidson, Mary Redmond, Rosie Billups, J. H. Pangburn, Lelia Faulton, Margaret Lucas, Sarah Scott,; Armanda Jones paid 75c.

The following paid 50c each—Katie M. Jones, Harriet Saunders Amos Martin, Cathrine Martin, Laura Simmons, Workman Simmons Tilly Simmons, Olive Martin, Sarah Fletches, Isaiah B. Simmons, Luke Davidson, Washington Simmons, Rosie Pangburn, Francis Saunders, Annie Pangburn, Samuel Pangburn, Alex. Pangburn, Elmira Phillips Fletcher.

The following paid 25c each—Melvina Norris, Emma Davidson, John Minny, Sarah A. Batch, Annie Phillips.

The following paid 15c each—Rebecca Pangburn, R. Davidson.

The following paid 10c each—Robert A. Batch, Adda Batch, Minnie Batch, Jimmie S. Batch, Lizzie Scott, Dorcas Pangburn, Sallie Pangburn, Wylie Pangburn, Tommy Davidson, Fannie McFarland, Freddie McFarland.

WEST ELIZABETH.

The following paid $1.00 each—Sarah Jones, W. H. Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mary Brown, Monroe Randolph, Effice Randolph, Lafayette Randolph, Hattie Randolph, John Scott, Emma Smith, John Brown, Malissa Armstrong, Elvira Anderson.

The following paid 75c each—Eliza Anderson, Luello Scott.

The following paid 50c each—James Anderson, Chas. Armstrong.

She following paid 25c each—Mary Freeman, Charles Faulton.

Total, - - $16.00

Grand Total, 50.00

WASHINGTON, PA.

J. M. Morris, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00 Each—Ruben Baker, Charley Hall, T. Chatman, Laura B. Skinner, Caroline Berry, Braxton Barber, Minnie Jones, B. J. M. Brown, Sarah Golden, Jane Chatman, Deborah Minner, onathan Davis, Samuel Sporter, Rosie Tucks, Thomas Banks John N. Sohnson, Alford Crockett, Christopher Patterson, Rosie Frame, Nannie Mosby, Annie Workman, Mary Mull, George Cain, R. M. Morris, Hettie Cox, C. A. Green.

The following paid 50c each—Annie Nelson, George Cox, Annie Banks, Custus Skinner, Nannie Patterson, Annie Pearl, Susian Banks Ellen Jackson, Bell Skinner, Abram Berry, Sally Pearly.

Total, - $31.50

NEW HAVEN, PA.

Richard Brown, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00 each—S. F. McFall, Mary White, Sarah A. Mallison, Hattie Wallace, Mrs. Rev. Brown, W. J. Cager, Emma Cager, Jesse McDonnel, Elizebet Ross, Annie McDonnel, W. Colman, John Brown, Cathrin Lupton, Benjamin Jones, Maggie Jones, Nicholas Scott, G. W. Jackson, Mary A. Jackson, Johnson Fox, Finnie Fox, Eley Gardner.

Vinie Colman paid 75 cents.

The following paid 50c each—Hattie Barker, Sadie E. Baker, Emily War Lucy A. Brown, Kittie M. Brown, Ella Smith.

The following paid 25c each—Lizzie Williams, Mrs. M. E. Jones, Ellen Williams, Mary White.

Total, - $27.75.

PHILLIPPI MISSION, W. VA.

L. A. Barber, Pastor.

Chas. Ross, 50c. Joseph H. Rarber, 25c

Total, - 75c.

BELLEFONTE, PA.,

S. C. Honesty, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Margaret Powel, Sarah F. Wilson, Mary Pennington, Mary A. Johnson, Adalene Lawson, Lucy Steward, Emma Hamer, Goin Thomas, Peter Jones, Kate Wellington, Mary Miller, Carrie Mills, Thomas Taylor, Rachel Taylor, Albert Steward, William Potter, Certrude C. Honesty, Matilda Dorsey, Lettie Carter, George Freeman, Katie Miller, Jef. Hagans, Tamazine McDonald, A. C. Piper, James Carter, Benjamin Williams.

The following persons paid 75 cents each:—Millie Forman, R.H. Nelson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Helen Mills, Ella Snyder, James Forman, Annie Dunlap, William Sanders, Maraih Green, Ella Steward, William Mills, Celia Mills, Tamazine Pennington, Celia Williams, Emma Green.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Edward Stiner, Jacob Dade:

Total, $37.00.

LOCK HAVEN, PA.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—P. D. Brown, L. M. Stills, Mary Brown.

May Grant paid 80 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Julia Washington, John Roberts, Mamie Clyne, Francis Brown, Renolds Brown, R. Brown, Nancy Brown.

Total, $5.65.

Grand Total, $42.65.

WILKESBARRE, PA.

I. B. Till, Pastor,

The following paid $1.00 each—Martha Robertson, Jane Pheonix, Amos Neal, Robert Cheesman, Cathrine Craff, George Gaines, George Young, William Jones, Henery Johnson, Elijah Johnson, Mary Smith, Margret Schockey, Henry Wethington, Fanny Welcom Maggie Crabb, Mary Richardson, Isiac Rollins, Martha Rasper, Augustus Edison, Samuel Norman, Catherin Norman, Mary Miller, Malissa Powell, Clara Norman, Henery Richardson, Adam Woodson, William Brown, Catherin Nelson, Hartville Miller, William Mickens Elizabeth Mickens, Sarah Mickens, John Fernman, Mary Kinslow, Isreal Holems, Annie Downey, Mamie Crabb, Germimia Wallace, Robert McCarty, Henry Miller.

The following paid 50c each—William Strothers, Idia Holems, John Branch.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH, UNIONTOWN, PA.

C. Wright, Pastor.

The following have paid $1.00 each—Harry Betters, Mahulda Oaks, Eli M. Curry, Albert Henry, Eliza Noxler, Nuton Skinner, Mary A. Curry, Alexander Belt, Bell Blue; Minerva Jenkins, Mary George Tina Jackson, Emmerls Grant, Annie Baxter, Mary Walker, Josephine Hackney, C. P. Jenkins, Henry Bolden, E. J. Scott, H. H. Scott, T. L. Jones, Mrs. H. A. Grant, Lucy Gilbert, Emmer

Campbell, Emmer Henderson, Hasiah Jackson, Josephine Butler, Mary Brady, Dora Miner, Alcinda Speary; Annie Hackney, Ellen Froman, Amanda Carter, Rachel Diggins, Carrie Miller, Rosetta Jackson.

The following persons paid 50c each—Mary Moxley, Ida M. Dougleis, Ellis Robinson, Mary E. Catline, Elizabeth Truely, Hatta Johns, Elizabeth Ditcher. Eli Truely, P. C. Baxter, Elizabeth Blue, Francis Dix, Emmerly Bolden, Minnie McClure, Sarah Chisley, Rebecca Bagley, Georgana Strothers, Josephine Fortune, Rachel Crable. Grace walker, Nellie E. E. Grant, Mary C. V. Grant, Mary J. Carter, Elizabeth Palmer, Minnie Baxter, Sarah A. Wright.

The following persons paid 25 cents each—Fielding Walker, Margaret Burgess, Hattie Johnson, Georgia Palmer, Maggie Palmer, L. H. Wright.

Total, $50.00.

ALLEN CHAPEL, ALTOONA, PA.,

Rev. J. J. Norris, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—T. B. Shorter, John Alexander, Aaron Powell, D. C. Johnson, C. W. Brown, W. H. Holmes, Mary A. Shorter, E. M. Shorter, Phoebe Johnson, Lavima Cox, Sabra Worley, Jennie Thompson, Margaret Whiting, Sophia Burris, Nancy Powell, Margaret Paul, E. Poesy, Hattie Hollinger, Emma C. Brown.

The following persons paid 50 cents each—Mary Alexander, Maria V. Uleherd, W. H. Smith.

Total, $20.50.

WEST NEWTON, PA., CIRCUIT,

J. W. Riley, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each—J, W. Riley, E. H. Bowman, Reuben Long, Paul Sympson, C. H. McPhail, James Williams, Jennie Cyrus, Elijah Syrus' Martha Clark, Fanny Grieffen, Pearley Clark, Brass Clark, Henry Goff, Katie Goff, Charles Bowman, George W. Jordan, Alice Humbert, Virginia Redman, William Colly, Samuel Spriggs, Mary E. Settler, Amanda Burdett, Adam Golden, Sadie Colquhon.

The following persons paid 50 cents each—David Derrett, Oleva Derrett, Lizzie Green, Lucy Bowman, L. E. Christian.

The following persons paid 25 cents each—Mary A. Sterling, Mary E. Catlin.

By collection, $14.00.

Total, $41.00.

MILTON, PA.,

Rev. Sandy Christian, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each—Annie Campbell, Edward Carter, George Hector, William Marshall, John Bon, Charles Butts, Jeremiah Campbell, George Henry, Andrew Collins, Grace A. Marshall, Elijah Christian, William Jones, Ellen Johnson, George Smith, May Thompson, Henry Collins, Julia Henry, James Bon, Nancy Jones, Mary Henry.

The following paid 50c each—Ellen Smith, Olive Smith.

The following paid 25 cents:—Julia Henry.

Total, $20.00.

BRADFORD, PA.,

R. M. Henderson, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each—John B. Ruthford, Mrs. E. Blackwell, Mrs. A. H. Smith, Mrs. O. J. Taylor, Mrs. F. R. Draper, Mrs. S. Ruley, George Brown, Mrs. G. Brown, W. D. Lucas.

The following persons paid 50 cents—C. Harris, L. B. Thompson, V. Bladen, S. A. Lucas.

Miss Bula Draper paid 25 cents.

KANE, PA.,

The following persons paid $1.00 each—Louisa B. Stewart, Emma Rose, M. Woodson, James House.

The following persons paid 50 cents each—Sarah Foster, H. Foster.

Total, $16.25.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHAPEL, PARKERSBURG, W. VA.,

The following persons paid $1.00 each—Jane Carter, Frank Bartlett.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Catherine Taylor, Caroline Taylor, Melissa Lotterberry.

Malinda Allen paid 25 cents. Cash 25 cents.

Total, $4,00.

BEDFORD CIRCUIT, EVERETT, PA.,

H. G. Thomas, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 Each—Nancy Watkins, Stella Watkins, J. N. Brice, Wm. Wallis, Lida Watkins, James Fisher.

Joseph Banks paid $1.25.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Rosey Parker, Jane

Slaughter, Anna B. Willis, Harriet Parker, Maggie Brown, Minnie Brown, Joseph Davis, Thomas Graves, Suisie Washington.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Joseph Willson, Florence Marshall, James Marshall.

Nella Brown and Etta Brown each paid 20 cents.

Mammie Brown paid 10 cents.

BEDFORD, PA.,

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Jane Johnson, H. G. Thomas, Matilda Dangerfield, John Dangerfield, Rebecca Thomas, Susan Bush.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Nettie Plowden, Stella Thompson, Emma Rouse, James Wagner, Ella Wagner.

Winnie Ann Warrens paid 25 cents. Artie M. Warrens paid 15c. Paul Warrens paid 10 cents.

Total, $23.25.

HEPBURN STREET A. M. E. CHURCH,

Richard Tanner, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Berkley Blue, Hannah Blue, Louisa Blue, Jane Jackson, Harriet Watson, Harvey Dorsey, David Blue, Charlotte Blue, Hannah Green, Sarah Smith, Mary Willis, Joseph Anderson, Austen Alexander, E. Besant, M. E. Dorsey, M. Peterson, A. Watson, M. A. Cross, Sarah Hollingworth, Sarah White, John Brown, Christine Jones, Willis Branson, Annie Goines, Elcora Davis, Sisters Jones, Kelly, Dockens, Frazier, Lyons, Alexander, Obrien, Will Alexander, Elias Alexander, Mary Wagner, Job Jones, Sister Jones, Lewis Stevenson, Sister Stevenson, Sarah Gross, Nevelis Matua, E. Hutchens, Sister Williams, Annie Burris, Eva Lovitt, Mary Blue, Sisters Drum, Somers, K. Hagens, John White, Sr., Moses Hollingworth, Henry Newman, Hester Newman, John Fairfax, Jr., M. Harris. Henry Stokes, Hattie Hall, Sister Brooks, Annie M. White, Irwin White, Cyrus Lovitt, Sim Emory, Nancy Tanner, Mamie Russell, Isiah White, Anna White, Victoria Branson, Jennie Brown, Sallie Williams.

Sister Lee paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Bella Blue, Bella Russell, Sister Maulson, Irene Tanner, Louisa Tanner, Adeline Groff, Emma White.

Total, $75.05.

MEADVILLE, PA., A. M. E. CHURCH,

Rev. Jas. W. Lavatt, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Eliza Henderson, Chas. Gillespie, Linda Henry, Willie Sharp, Charles Allen, Frank Henry,

Samuel Miller, H. M. Malone, Zac. Braggs, Alice Gellispie, D. Gardner, Lyda Gordon, Ellen Allen.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Margaret Henderson, Mamie Allen, Mary Kelly, Willis Beals, Elias Allen.

Total, $15.00.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, EAST END, PITTSBURG.

Geo. C. Sampson, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each—Martha Sampson, Hunter Gray, Caroline Fields, Robert Beasley, Mattie Beasley, Emma Wilson, Florence Hardwig, Sophia Truley, Hattie Solomon, Sarah Forbush, Sadie Paul, M. E. Thomas, Maggie Flelds, Alice Scott, Jane White, Ellen Banks, Jane Anderson, Samuel Bransom, G. W. Gant, Louis Scott, Louisa Scott, Maurice Meredith, John Paul, Sr., Beverly Grinage, Mollie Grinage, Ida Paul, Annie Johnson, Robert Wheeler, Robert Paul, Aunie Bailey, Samuel Cuff, Wm. Scott, Edward Burges, Mary C. Burges, Grace G. Burges, Charles Burges, James Smith, Lula Areer, Lula Chatman, Daniel Crampton, Emma J. McTarry, Laura Bullet, Albert White, P. W. Burleigh, L. J. Burleigh, J. A. Hopkins, Bessie Medley, Lizzie Deams, E. E. Obrient, Mary Obrient, Amanda Bransom, George W. Bailey. Laura Harden, Julia Knox, Sarah Knox, Lucinda Pennyroell, Lucinda Thompson, Charles Addison, Mary Addison, Mary Roberts, Sarah Brown, George Anderson, Julia L' Washington, Nannie Anderson, Nora Banks, Fannie Banks, Lottie Jackson, Lizzie Jackson, Maggie Johnson, Nancy Allen, Millie Nelson, Ada Johnson, J. T. Williams, John Stevenson, J. B. Jackson, Hester Jackson, D. M. Blair, Manuel Blood, Tillie G aham, Jennie Fransom, Elijah Morgan, Joseph Brown, U. C. Rafferty, Robert Stevenson, Hannah Green, James Countee, Jalemia Dent, C. H. Washington, William Campbell, Ada Stewart, Hester Campbell, Ellen Tines, U. J. Thompson, Florence Harden, Henry Harden, Becky Brown.

Frank Chase paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each—Annie D. Sampson, S. A. Corlin, Bell Burleigh, Elizabeth Catlin, Benjamin Juricks, May Juricks, Mary Jackson, Martha Chatman, John Solomou, Hattie Parnell, Maggie Paul, Lena Blair, Rachel Shields, Earlie Strothers, Mrs. Wm. Lewis, M. M. Caldwell, Mary Bryson, Geo. W. Bryson, Anthony Christy, William Holmes, Ellen Burns, Richard Miles, Ella Bailey, Lilly Dunlap, Louisa Sanders, Alexander Sanders.

The following persons paid 25 cents each—John Meyers, Cora Barker, Emma G. Sampson, Georgetta Sampson, Archie Dockens, Sadie Jones, John McDaniels, H. J. Williams.

BROWNSVILLE A. M. E. CHURCH, FAYETTE COUNTY, PA.,
G. W. Webster, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Robert Bolden, Permelia Nixon, Sarah Thornton, C. K. Strange, James Thompson, Elizabeth Alexander, C. E. Wheeler, Sarah Workman, Leticia Marsh, May E. Black, E. M. Flood, Alfred Hamilton, B. T. Tighlman, Jane Check, Sarah A. Thompson, B. L. Simpson. Maggie Smith, William Florence, William H. Black, Richard Johnson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—A. H. Wallace, Noah West, Mary E. Wallace, William Bolden, Mary Bolden. Cornelia Smothers, Thomas Sorrell, Mary Sorrell, James Mannings, Elizabeth Mannings, Mattie Johns, Mary Smothers, Charlie Sorrells, Charlie Smothers, W. D. Webster, F. A. Webster, Eliza Banks, Dora West, Gracie Strange, Ruthenia Honesty, Lucinda Arnett, Belle Alexander, Elizabeth Hamilton, Carrie Wheeler, William Johns, Julia Johns, Mary A. Turner, Daniel Johns, Jennie Florence, Hester Gordon, William Gordon, Hester A. Crable, George Crable, Mary J. Webster, C. O. Johns, Zora Johns.

John Gates paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 35 cents each:—Elizabeth Payne, Anna Gordon.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Lorena Mossett, Henrietta Bolden, Ann Meriah Boide, Rebecca King, Caroline Bolden, Mary Kearns, Sarah L. Freeman, Isiah Wheeler, Martha Bolden, John Thornton, Henrietta Robinson, Henry Coon, Lucinda Lee, Milton York, Susan Patterson, John Alexander, Thomas Barns, Janie Honesty, Emly Williams, A. A. Johns, Annie Mossett, Lida Jones. Hanah Baker, Ida Honesty, Emma Robinson, Margaret Young, Elnora Young, Dr. R. Young. John Baker, Lousia Mossett, Selina Cain, May Bolden, Samuel Honesty, Mary Alice Bolden, Daniel Wright, T. O. West, Minnie T. Wallace, Osie V. Williams, Emma Williams, Robert H. Stewart, Alice Smith, Aquila Smith, William Thornton, Birdie Cain, Cornelia Bolden, Elizabeth Simpson.

Cathern Smith paid 20 cents.

The following persons paid 10 cents each:—Paul Bolden, George A. Bolden, Della Bolden, Dorretta Bolden, Henrietta Bolden, Stanton Brown.

The following persons paid 6 cents each:—Carrie Smith, George Baker, John R. Smith, Keat E. Smith.

Sundries 12 cents.

Total, $52.11.

WEST MIDDLETOWN CIRCUIT,
W. N. Young, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Amandaline Patterson,

Elizabeth Patterson, Jennie Patterson, William Fullum, David Payne, John Payne, William Dunlop, James Webster, William T. Jacobs, Thomas Merrill, Cassie Proctor, Coeta Bozier, Martha Harris.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Emma Wallace, Jas. Humphrey, Mary Payne, Eliza J. Humphrey, Edmonia Harris.

Mary France paid 28 cents.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Sarah Harris, Alexander Brooks.

Total, $17.28.

WELLSBURG, Pa.

Ella J. Ellis paid $1.00.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Elizabeth Jones, Clarissa Green, Francis Howard, Nora Lee, Sadie Decombs, Sarah Bowman.

Philis Edwards paid 25 cents.

Total, $4.25.

Grand Total, $21.53.

SCRANTON, PA.,

Rev. A. Smothers, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—W. K. Harris, Martha Harris, C. Tinker, Mamie Smothers, Elnor Anderson, L. E. Morton, Mrs. L. Morton, F. W. Williams, D. Dorsey, John Howard, J. P. Green.

T. J. Askew paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Jennie Howard, R. Brown, A. Williams, Luie Dorsey, B. F. Berget, Mrs. B. F. Berget, Mrs. P. Howard, Mrs. Charles Lee.

A. Florence paid 30 cents.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Lucy Dorsey, J. F. Beasel, C. Scott, Sr., H. Johnson.

Ida Port paid 20 cents. B. Berget paid 10 cents.

The following persons paid 5 cents each:—B. Cramton, M. L. Scott, C. Tiney, C. Scott, Jr., W. Scott, F. Scott, S. Howard, C. Berget, Ashton Dorsey, Archie Dorsey, A. Dorsey, Maggie Dorsey, C. Johnson.

Total, $18.00.

CANNONSBURG, PA.,

G. G. Skinner, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Abram Latterberry, Ann Harden, Moses Bush, Sarah Cordick, Pleasant Brooks, Sarah A.

Webster, Scott Morgan, Bazle Henderson, William Thomas, Mansfield Brown, S. W. Alberts, Sr., Joseph Norman, Charles H. Matthews, S. W. Alberts, Jr., Hannah Brown, Eliza J. Burgess, Rachel Warfield, Lucy Davis, John Patterson, George Sly, Rachel Wilson, Lucinda Bartlett, Mrs. Andrew Henderson, Minnie Hall, Chancilor Stanton, Jennie Sluby, Mary Burgess, S. A. Warfield, Ellen Wheeler, Hattie Warfield, Mamie Latterberry, Laith Robinson, Annie Bush, Warner Washington, John F. Webster, John Davis, Eliza Wheeler, Robert Robinson, Mary Matthews, Charles H. Hill, Cornelius, Kellis, Alice Norman, Sampson Collins, John E. Harper, Adam Bell, Daniel Bush. George Latterberry, Christ Davis, Wash Patterson, Joseph Davis, Pheobia Vactor, Julia Curry, John Latterberry, Catherine Alberts, George Walls, James Vactor, Mary C. Hill, Jennie Bird, Cyrus Brown, Maggie Wilson.

David Clark paid $1.50. Isabella Henderson paid $1.25. Mary Patterson and Annie Walls each paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—John Cain, John Morgan, Thomas Adams, Jennie Wheeler, Sophia Harper, Mary Jane Hill, Lucinda Alberts, Eli Butcher, Margaret A. Butcher, Maggie Thomas, John S. Johnson, Annie Henderson, Martha Adams, Sarah C. Morgan, A. W. Rush, Lizzie Washington, Catherine Prisby, John Burgess, Ezikiel Betts, Annie Betts, Lima Scott, Margaret McCroby, Mary A. Bush, Nathan Hill, Sadie Williams, Rhoda Walls, Ida Bush, Catherine Williams, Jennie Walls, G. B. Haden, Thomas Johns, Will Robinson. Alice Robinson, Jessie Harper, Geo. Williams, Samuel Latterberry, Jane Bell, John Walls, Jennie Pool, Abram Pool, Peter Wheeler Sarah Wheeler, Nancy Burgess, Jane West, Maggie McGant, Edward Robinson, Jr., Ida Robinson, Thos. Ross, Ruth Brown, John Wilkins, Rachel Wilkins, Cornelia Praul, Andrew Adams, Ella Skinner, Armanda Skinner, Samuel Curry, Harry Skinner.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Annie Morgan, Mary C. Harper, George Payne, Amy Payne, Mary Adams, Lizzie Adams, Elnor McGant, Alonzo Marshall, Clark McGoodney, John F. McGoodney, W. H. Robinson, Fanny Adams, Charles Burgess, George Rucker, Alice Burgess, Willie Warfield; Davy Brown.

Willie Burgess paid 15 cents.

The following persons paid 10 cents each:—Mary Butcher, Elizabeth Bush, Oliver Brown, George Ross, Samuel Scott, Edna Burgess, Charlotte Alberts, Rachel Alberts, Charlie Ross, Charlie Skinner, Zora Skinner, Gracie Ford, Jennie Robinson.

Total, $100.00.

WAYMAN CHAPEL, NEW BRIGHTON, PA.,

A. E. Waldon, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Robert Washington,

Maggie Washington, Littie Earley, Annie Webb, Mary Simms, Lucy Jackson, Vina Steward, Harrison Dawson, Elizabeth Dawson, William R. Love, Kattie Phenoid, Annie Anderson, Ellen Costly, Lina Webster, James M. Webster, Lottie Bruien, John W. Bruien, Annie S. Willams, Anthony Logan, Georgie Webb, Edward Williams, Alfred Jackson, Amelia Jackson, Daniel Simms, Louis Costly, Fannie Cobb, James Bruien.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Rachel Williams, James Cross, Mamie Webster, Laura Leland, Ida Rose, Mariah Matthews, Ida Cross, Mary Cave, Charlie Rose.

Total, $33.50.

WAYNESBURG, PA.

T. A. J. West, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each—Amanda Bruce, Catherine Workman, Alice Diggs, Fred Diggs, Walter Coston, Martha Ferrel, Louis Workman, Henry Burges, Henry Johnson, Mary Workman, W. H. Franklin, Fannie Cyes, Haddie McHenry, Frances McHenry, Margaret Ponsul, Sarah A. Baker, Wm. T. Baker, D. O. Ferrel, Mary J. Coston, John Stuart, Mary E. Stuart, Adlin Stuart.

The following persons paid 75 cents each:—Delila Settles, Mary Robison.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Emly Baker, Alice Hall. Esterfer Diggs, Martha Lacy, Edith Workman, John Workman, Bettie Settles, Elizabeth Hickey, C. S. Hickey, Daisy Ferrel.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Abe Ferrel, Sarah H. West, Wilk Allenley.

Sabbath School Dollar Money:—Stella West, 15c, Callie West, 15c; Cleve Wilson, 10c; Harrison Lacy, 10c; William Lacy, 10c; Charles E. Bruce, 10c; William B. Brice, 10c; Harry H. Hickey, 10c; James W. Bruce, 5c; Susie Bruce, 10c; Maggie West, 10c; John O. Coston, 10c; Lottie West, 10c; Laura Coston, 10c; Esterfer Diggs, 10c; Ethel McDonald, 10c; Laurence Carter, 10c; Lily Cyes, 10c; Hugh Hickey, 10c.

Total, $31. 15.

DUQUESNE, PA.,

M. S. Jones, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Thomas Weaver, Harris Weaver, Elizabeth Weaver, Terry Martin, Henry Richardson. Robert Streets.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Robert Hargro, S. W. Walker.

Total, $7.00.

PLEASANT GREEN CHURCH.

M. S. Jones, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Lucinda Scott, Ella Lockley, David Derry, Solomon E. Mirne, Paterson Carson, Cora Bowman.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Isaac Ross, Henry Minie, Mary Catherine Minie, Tillie Minie.

Total, $8.50.

CHARLSTON, W. VA.,

P. A. Scott, Pastor

The following person paid $1.00 each:—Mrs. C. D. Scott.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mariah Snyder, Hannah Morris, Clara Hawkins.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Addie Wells, Henry Phillips.

Total, $3.00.

SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURG, PA.,

R. H. Morris, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—John Carver, Ellen Randall, Anna Clark, Emma Dickson, Susan Smith, William Randall, M. J. Waters, Matilda Jackson, Thomas Henderson, James Brown, Mary Jackson, Nie Smith, Shem Bowles, Evaline Waters, Amelia Brown, Jennie Garret, Cora Palmer, Margaret Favor, C. E. West, Flora Favor, Frances Williams.

The following persons paid 75 cents each—John Henderson, E. Larne.

The following persons paid 50 cents each—Sadie Clark, Rhelda Harris, Tillie Henderson, Lousia Bowles.

Total, $25.50.

MONONGAHELA CITY, WASHINGTON CO., PA.,

Rev. G. W. Ralph, Pastor.

The following persons paid $.100 each:—Rev. G. W. Ralph, Elizabeth Ralph. John Saunders, Eliza Dougherty, Carey Kemper, James Jones, Sarah Oliver, Catherine West, Peter Bowman, Mrs. Cannon.

G. M. Clouden paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Ella Ralph, Mrs. Mims, Mary Jones, Preslie Irwins, Mary Fergerson, Richard Oliver, Sarah Carter, Katie Graham, Rachel Simeons, Florence Brodgen, Martha Alexander, Mr. Cochran, Ettie Spencer, Mattie Simmons,

Malinda Thompson, Lottie Brooks, Margaret Frugerson, Matilda Lewis, John Turner, Charley Crable, Rosa Strothers, James Alexander. Eliza Brable, Moses Jones, Elizabeth Randolph, Mable Kemper, Myrtle Kemper.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Fred. Randolph, Gertrude Ralph, Gavanda Carter.

The following persons paid 10 cents each:—William Smallwood, Ferman West.

Charleroi Mission paid $3.00.
Contingent, 1.00.

$4.00. Total, $22.00.

GREENSBURG, PA., MISSION.

T. J. Simmons, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—M. M. Simmons, Francis Cheeks, John Mancie, Harriet F. Webster, Emery H. Stokes, Vincent F. Stokes. Rachel A. Stokes, Charles Stokes, George Brown, W. H. Washington, A. E. Butler, A. G. Madison, J. W. Brown, Ida Stewart, Mamie Washington, Debby A. Harris.

The following persons paid 50 cents:—Louis Fisher, Nora Fitzpatrick, James A. Monroe.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Mary A. Fisher, Harry West.

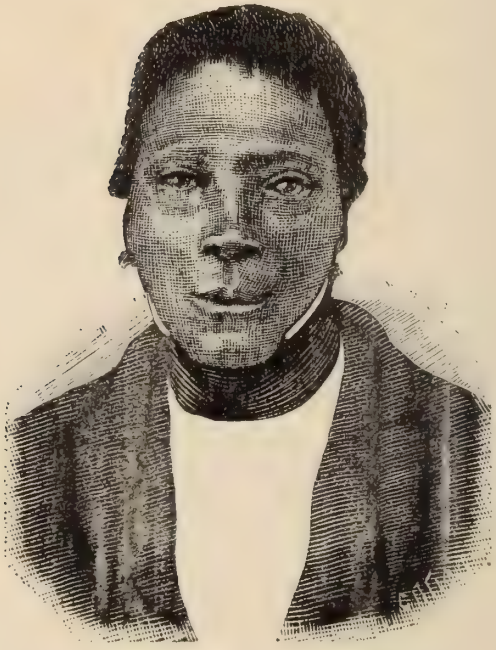
Total, $20.00.

ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH, ERIE, PA.,

W. H. Pride, Pastor.

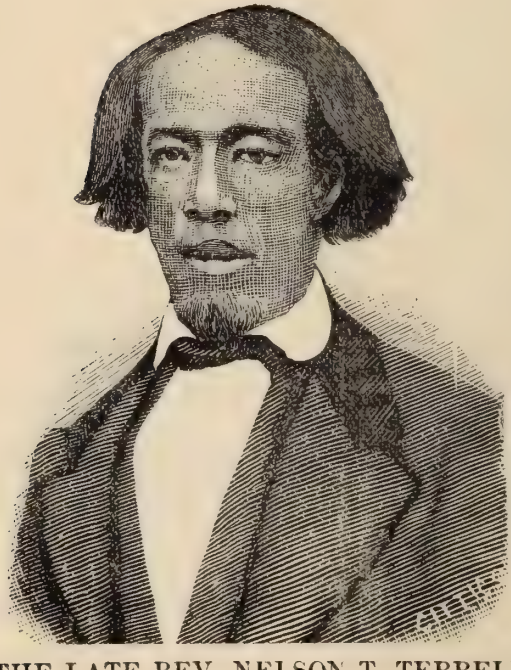
The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Ida Lawson, E. J. Pride, John Valentine, Maria Valentine, James Franklin, Emma Franklin, William Franklin, Charles Franklin, D. H. Gossett, Thomas Brown, Minnie E. Brown, Margaret Williams, Anna Johnson, Nellie Harden, W. H. Vandusen, Sophia Avler, Nannie Rector, Benjamin Milligan.

Flora Lowry paid 75 cents. Sarah Powers paid 50 cents.
Collected by the Pastor, $1.75.
Total, $21.00.



THE LATE REV. LAVEN GROSS.
Pioneer Preacher of African Methodism.

THE LATE REV. JOHN A. WARREN.
One of the Pioneer Preachers.



THE LATE REV. NELSON T. TERRELL.
Of Brownsville, Pa.

REV. SUGURAS TURNER JONES.

With some degree of pleasure I pen some of the most important features of the life of a good man, in the person of Rev. Suguras Turner Jones, whose cut you see above.

He was born September 9th, 1823, in Goshen Township, Belmont County, Ohio.

He consecrated himself to God by conversion in August of 1840, under the administration of Rev. George Colman.

In the following year (1841) he was licensed to preach by the same pastor, and in the words of our Venerable Father; "It was the days of small things," and they did not give me time to mope, but pushed me into the itinerant work at once; and God knows, with many in the church, he has adorned his calling in that capacity, believing he was called of God he labored earnestly for God and humanity.

Just think! beginning to preach at the age of twenty, and meeting Fifty Annual Conferences without a break.

A grand old man is he; full of life, progressive, and a friend of progressive young men.

Joined the Ohio Conference when it included all the state of Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, and the Western part of Pennsylvania, and filled Marratte, Cleveland, Steubenville, Allegheny City, Brownsville, Uniontown and Washington, Pa.

Entered the organization of the Pittsburg Conference in 1869 and

served until 1889; preaching the truth in earnestness and all of its fullness with acceptability for forty-nine years; meeting fifty Conferences, on account of the short year of 1877, without a mark against his moral, religious or official character, nor a complaint until his reappointment to Waynesburg in the fall of 1889. They rejected him because of his advanced age.

When asked by his Presiding Elder if that was all the complaint they had against him the reply was yes.

He is a perfect Christian, and a gentleman.

How grand; fifty years full of usefulness, with such a record. Let it be mine, when I come to die.

He served in most of the important appointments west of the mountains.

A Grand Old Man is he! I think I hear him now; preaching from the text, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." I imagine I see him as he steps about, as if youth with all its vigor had returned, as the Holy Spirit seems to light upon him when he repeats the old familiar hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Then with new vigor he emphasizes: "To serve the present age."

O! that the church was full of such old men; pulpits and pews.

He is now seventy years of age, the 9th day of last September. He sustains a Superannuated relation to the Conference, He has a nice home at Washington, Pa. Loved and respected by all who know him, without regard to nationality.

He is blessed with a grand wife who is as tender with him as if he was a child. He has five children. four grown, two daughters married, one single. The oldest son, a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington. Pa., and will graduate from the Mitchell College, Cleveland, Ohio, in the Spring. The youngest but 13. All of them worthy of his pride and admiration. and the comfort of his old age which demonstrates to my mind.

The promises of God: train up a child in the way it shall go, and when it is old it will not depart from it.

We all regret his absence from our conference, as none was ever hailed with more joy than he. For years we hailed him as the father of our conference. God bless his memory, and may his mantle fall upon all of us for the glory of God and the good of humanity.

G. C. Sampson.

Financial Table of the Pittsburg Conference A. M. E. Church.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elders.	Contingent	Bible Cause.	Missionary Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.	Educational Purposes	Building and Rep'rs.	For all Purposes.	How long on present appointm't.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	Cornelius Asbury, D. D.	$ 162 00	$ 1 200 00	$ 160 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 93 00	$ 142 00	$ 143 60	$ 550 00	$ 2 [illegible] 72	4 yrs
East End, Pittsburg	George C. Sampson,	112 00	961 15	83 90	2 00	4 00	25 00	50 00	46 00	808 37	2 132 40	2
Williamsport	Richard Tanner,	75 05	720 00	84 00	2 15	75	3 60	13 50	5 00	1 [illegible] 19	2 [illegible] 85	1
Wilkesbarre	Ishmael B. Till,	41 50	600 00	51 82	1 00	4 00	5 00	8 03		[illegible] 98	1 [illegible] 33	1
Scranton	Alexander Smothers,	18 00	563 00	30 60	1 00	50	9 00	13 35	7 00	150 30	[illegible] 76	1
Bellefonte	Samuel C. Honesty,	42 15	530 00	49 60	50	71	10 45	2 00	41 44	224 41	956 64	2
Altoona	Joshua J. Norris,	20 50	600 00	40 00	2 00	1 25	10 50	12 00	20 00	242 20	1 [illegible] 25	1
New Haven	Richard Brown,	27 75	468 84	44 00	1 25	25	10 28	3 31	5 41	28 57	1 [illegible] 95	1
Braddock	Benjamin Wheeler,	28 25	522 44	41 18	50	50	4 15	10 00	2 50	1 [illegible] 54	1 [illegible] 24	1
Phillipsburg	David J. Johnson,	10 00	328 00	26 00	50	50	6 50	2 00		95 18	[illegible] 18	1
Bedford	Hartly G. Thomas,	23 25	300 86	28 00	25	25	5 00		4 50	531 58	1 [illegible] 88	1
Milton	Sandy Christian,	20 40	216 29	17 00	1 00	40	1 25	2 03		126 64	445 71	1
Lewistown	Owens T. Davis,	20 55	293 85	36 00	60	50	[illegible] 00	2 92		27 14	633 32	1
Greensburg	Thomas J. Simmons,	20 00	238 81	36 51	50	50	2 06		50		378 43	2
Bloomsburg	Hutchinson Johnson,	12 50	307 30	25 35	25	10	2 00	1 11	12 32	146 00	538 [illegible]	1
Montrose	Cyrus N. Woodson,	25 75	384 09	27 25	60	50	5 30	29 47	1 45	332 11	[illegible] 98	1
Tyrone	Charles Garner,	14 75	152 04	13 69	67	1 00	1 82			241 60	[illegible] 76	1
Brown Chapel, Allegheny	Isaac N. Boss,	136 00	1 000 00	130 00	3 00	2 00	75 80	136 00	62 75	1 [illegible] 24	3 [illegible] 74	3
Chartiers St., "	David F. Caliman,	71 50	1 075 00	55 25	2 00	1 25	18 45	26 00	10 00	1 [illegible] 78	2 [illegible] 44	1
South Side, Pittsburg	Richard H. Morris,	25 50	750 00	48 60	1 10	75	6 60	22 80	15 80	83 70	[illegible] 95	1
Elizabeth	Charles H. Brown,	50 00	650 00	66 00	1 50	50	15 00	26 00	5 00	138 00	1 [illegible] 47	2
Oil City	Walter S. Lowry,	78 25	800 00	69 00	25 37	2 40	45 44	20 00	32 62	450 00	1 [illegible] 71	2
West Newton	John W. Riley,	41 00	604 75	60 25	1 75	1 00	14 00	46 00		146 00	1 [illegible] 75	2
New Brighton	Anthony E. Waldon,	33 50	650 00	51 26	1 00	1 00	22 23	51 48	27 00	129 85	[illegible] 96	2
Bridgewater	John W. Jeffries,	31 50	575 60	61 33	66	71	13 60	8 02	29 40	583 10	1 [illegible] 82	2
Monongahela City	William H. Palmer,	28 25	356 00	38 50	1 00	1 00	4 00	28 30		371 80	1 [illegible] 05	2
Brownsville	George W. Webster,	52 11	552 00	50 00	1 50	1 00	18 74	9 42		350 25	1 [illegible] 32	2
Uniontown	Carter Wright,	50 00	564 77	52 00	3 00	2 00	32 22	16 00	16 75	841 80	1 [illegible] 21	2
Erie	William H. Pride,	21 00	374 53	43 20	1 00	50	6 71	4 08	1 92	397 40	[illegible] 32	1
Meadville	James W. Lavatt,	15 00	227 10	36 08	1 00	25	1 52		7 00	101 88	470 45	1
Bradford	Richard M. Henderson,	16 25	326 52	34 96		70	1 00	10 00	3 50	4 53	436 41	1
Duquesne Circuit	Milo S. Jones,	15 50	396 00	40 00		36	1 06	1 12		8 00	252 88	714 92	1
Charleroi	Peter Boman,	3 00										
Snowden	John W. Saunders,											
Cannonsburg	George G. Skinner,	100 00	675 00	66 00	1 00	1 00	51 08	87 47		348 78	1 [illegible] 40	2
Washington	Jeremiah M. Morris,	30 00	614 00	52 00	1 00	1 00	40 00	71 00	30 00	333 00	1 [illegible] 45	2
Wheeling, W. Va	Joseph H. Artepe,	12 50	303 70	39 84				2 00		257 24	[illegible] 50	4 mo
West Middletown	William N. Young,	21 53	248 03	32 35	50		11 67	6 60	4 00	10 00	403 72	1
Waynesburg	Thomas A. J. West,	31 15	400 00	32 00				8 10		95 76	[illegible] 01	2
Parkersburg, W. Va	Thimothy D. Scott,	4 00	106 33	40 00	50		1 12	1 35		123 15	280 85	2
Clarksburg, "	Jenkins A. Williams,	16 00	127 58	40 00	50	50	2 00	2 75	3 58	50 00	336 91	1
Charleston, "	Price A. Scott,	4 00	71 15	5 00			35	3 00	1 60	28 00	149 85	1 yr.
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Statistical Table of the Pittsburg Conference A. M. E. Church.

Charges.	Pastors.	Sunday Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Officers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Educational Purposes	Missionary Societies.	Collections in Schools.	For other Purposes.	Collections in S. S. for Missions.	S. S. Unions	Mite Missionary Society.	Total Collections.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	Cornelius Asbury, D. D.	1	16	9	308	20	450	$ 51 00	1	$ 175 00		$ 24 47	$ 6 00	$27 30	$ 357 47
East End, Pittsburg	George C. Sampson,	1	6	7	63	5	123	26 00	1	44 75		21 09	2 00		85 82
Williamsport	Richard Tanner,	1	9	18	109	48	200		1	81 90	$ 32 92	17 90	5 00		138 74
Wilkesbarre	Ishmael B. Till,	1	12	12	102	18	245		1	54 88		5 00	5 00		64 88
Scranton	Alexander Smothers,	1	5	6	30		150	4 00	1	59 44		4 17	2 00		69 61
Bellefonte	Samuel C. Honesty,	2	15	13	83	2	172	30 00	2	46 21		10 72	7 64		93 93
Altoona	Joshua J. Norris,	1	4	5	30		275	14 00	1	15 00	10 00	5 00	6 00		50 00
New Haven	Richard Brown,	1	5	7	30		97			27 94	45 01	2 00	3 10		78 05
Braddock	Benjamin Wheeler,	2	8	10	52	6	164		1	24 92		1 80	2 00		39 72
Phillipsburg	David J. Johnson,	2	5	5	49	4	359		1	33 15			2 50		34 50
Bedford	Hartly G. Thomas,	2	6	12	40	9		4 50	1	27 54		2 00	4 00		60 54
Milton	Sandy Christian,	2	5	5	50	10	100		1	32 76			1 62		32 76
Lewistown	Owens T. Davis,	2	7	10	60	11	360	1 50	2	98 55		1 00	3 10		16 66
Greensburg	Thomas J. Simmons,	1	3	4	36	1	156			28 65			7 38		36 03
Bloomsburg	Hutchinson Johnson,	2	6	4	47	49	350		1	22 00		1 50	61		20 09
Montrose	Cyrus N. Woodson,	2	3	10	28	10	350			38 24		1 00	2 20		41 44
Tyrone	Charles Garner,	1	5	8	26		150		1	34 40		6 05	1 64		42 09
Brown Chapel, Allegheny	Isaac N. Ross,	1	2	7	180	3	450	25 00	1	115 25	397 06	28 56	4 90	15 00	512 31
Chartiers St., "	David F. Caliman,	1	5	5	35	10	86		1	36 63	44 00	13 45	3 50		60 08
South Pittsburg	Richard H. Morris,	1	4	5	30	12	140	2 20	2	24 58	3 00	7 05	2 50	2 00	38 34
Elizabeth	Charles H. Brown,	2	14	14	100	12	200	25 00	2	41 80		24 37	13 32	21 00	125 49
Oil City	Walter S. Lowry,	2	14	8	125	20	600	25 62	2	45 00		15 08	3 00		88 24
West Newton	John W. Riley,	2	8	10	50	7	300		2	46 00	24 00	10 00	5 24		73 00
New Brighton	Anthony E. Waldon,	2	8	6	82	5	150		2	29 82			2 54		35 06
Bridgewater	John W. Jeffries,	2	8	9	45	11	450	29 40	2	18 27	29 85		5 74		83 24
Monongahela City	William H. Palmer,	1	5	7	55	8	120	37 50	1	42 65	10 00	5 00	2 50		87 65
Brownsville	George W. Webster,	2	15	10	79	16	90		1	65 37			10 00		75 37
Uniontown	Carter Wright,	1	6	8	75		236	6 36	1	28 00	7 83	17 22	10 00		59 13
Erie	William H. Pride,	1	6	5	54	11	136	3 00	1	116 48			2 60		121 98
Meadville	James W. Lavatt,	1	6	5	35		375	5 80		18 00	85	4 31			28 95
Bradford	Richard M. Henderson,	2	8	10	50	2	140		1	35 75		5 00	1 90		42 65
Duquesne (Circuit)	Milo S. Jones,	3	10	10	88		350		1	66 00					66 50
Charleroi	Peter Boman,														
Snowden	John W. Saunders,														
Cannonsburg	George G. Skinner,	1	11	7	193	24	415		1	172 99		22 08	3 00		198 07
Washington	Jeremiah M. Morris,	1	9	5	155	6	250	30 00	1	95 00	15 00	25 95	6 50		127 45
Wheeling, W. Va	Joseph H. Artepe,	1	4	4	20		200			11 21			2 00		13 21
West Middletown	William N. Young,	2	12	12	82	26	46		2	39 50	12 00	4 56	4 00		51 50
Waynesburg	Thomas A. J. West,	1	6	6	60	7	150		1	13 55		4 09	3 15		20 99
Parkersburg, W. Va	Thimothy D. Scott,	1	3	7	21		101			21 16		1 00			22 16
Clarksburg, "	Jenkins A. Williams,	2	5	3	40		200			30 00		2 50	1 45		33 95
Charleston, "	Price A. Scott,	1	2	2	18	2	23			6 30			1 13		7 43
Phillippi, "	Lewis A. Barber,	2	5	5	30	8				1 00					1 00
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Financial Table of the Pittsburg Conference A. M. E. Church.

Charges.	Pastors.	Number of Members.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Churches.	Indebtedness.	Value.	School Houses.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	Cornelius Asbury, D. D.	459	8	2		1	$ 170 00	$ 110 000 00				
East End, Pittsburg	George C. Sampson	155	5	1		1	1 750 00	8 000 00				
Williamsport	Richard Tanner	135	18			1	747 00	15 000 00				
Wilkesbarre	Ishmael B. Till	69	4			1	900 00	3 000 00			1	$1 800 00
Scranton	Alexander Smothers	31	1			1	10 00	4 000 00			1	3 000 00
Bellefonte	Samuel C. Honesty	82	6	3		2	55 32	2 000 00				
Altoona	Joshua J. Norris	28				1	250 00	3 000 00				
New Haven	Richard Brown	37		1		1	427 83	3 000 00				
Braddock	Benjamin Wheeler	68	10	3	2	2	1 062 00	4 000 00				
Phillipsburg	David J. Johnson	18		1		1		1 500 00				
Bedford	Hartly G. Thomas	32	5	1		2	300 00	1 000 00				
Milton	Sandy Christian	31	1	2		2		2 500 00			1	200 00
Lewistown	Owens T. Davis	35	5	3		2	333 00	2 500 00	1	$200 00		
Greensburg	Thomas J. Simmons	36		2		1	266 19	2 000 00				
Bloomsburg	Hutchin on Johnson	45	2	1		2		1 500 00				
Montrose	Cyrus N. Woodson	30		1		2	27 00	2 000 00				
Tyrone	Charles Garner	11				Lot	469 00	1 000 00				
Brown Chapel, Allegheny	Isaac N. Ross	275	15	2	2	1	1 616 50	30 000 00				
Chartiers St., "	David F. Caliman	61	4	1		1	2 795 50	6 000 00			1	400 00
South Side, Pittsburg	Richard H. Morris	40	2	1		1	27 08	2 500 00				
Elizabeth	Charles H. Brown	112	2	1		2	13 62	4 000 00			1	500 00
Oil City	Walter S. Lowry	135	6	3		2	35 00	7 000 00			1	700 00
West Newton	John W. Riley	60	7	2		2		5 000 00				
New Brighton	Anthony E. Waldon	55	16	1		1	25 92	3 500 00				
Bridgewater	John W. Jeffries	59	4	1		2	380 00	2 500 00				
Monongahela City	William H. Palmer	69	1	1		1	3 350 00	9 000 00				
Brownsville	George W. Webster	117	12	1	1	2	500 00	3 500 00				
Uniontown	Carter Wright	122	9	2		1	5 131 23	10 000 00				
Erie	William H. Pride	22		1		1	50 00	3 200 00				
Meadville	James W. Layatt	42	1		1	1	150 00	3 500 00				
Bradford	Richard M. Henderson	25	1	2	1	1		2 000 00				
Duquesne Circuit	Milo S. Jones	53	3			1	100 00	1 500 00				
Charleroi	Peter Boman	12										
Snowden	John W. Saunders											
Cannonsburg	George G. Skinner	168	10	1		1	87 20	4 500 00			1	1 500 00
Washington	Jeremiah M. Morris	128	3	2	1	1	750 00	10 000 00			1	1 200 00
Wheeling, W. Va	Joseph H. Ariepe	19			1	1	1 155 00	5 000 00				
West Middletown	William N. Young	67	30	1		2	214 68	1 200 00				
Waynesburg	Thomas A. J. West	52		2		1	138 52	2 500 00				300 00
Parkersburg, W. Va	Thimothy D. Scott	32	1	1		1	2 650 00	5 000 00			1	
Clarksburg, "	Jenkins A. Williams	30				1						
Charleston, "	Price A. Scott	10	1	1								
Phillippi, "	Lewis A. Barber	20	2									
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"Watchman, What of the Night?".

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OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

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OF THE

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

HELD AT

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JAMES BRUIN,
CHARLES GARNER,
PETER BOWMAN.

Susperannuated Preachers.

WILLIAM G. RALPH.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

UNIONTOWN, PA., OCTOBER 12, 1893.

The Twenty-sixth session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church, assembled in St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, at 9 a. m.

Bishop Daniel A. Payne, D. D. LL. D., Presiding Bishop of the 3rd Episcopal District, in the chair.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D. Associate Bishop, who announced hymn, "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne," etc. The conference heartly joined in singing. Bishop Arnett led in a feeling prayer, thanking God for a peculiar providence to the members of the conference and their families, race and nation, and that God would make us worthy and faithful in his work. After which the conference sung, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," the conference joining in a hearty greeting and handshaking.

The ritual services were conducted by Bishop Arnett in which the conference responded cheerfully.

After which Bishop Payne called the conference's attention to 1. Cor. 5: 9–11, and Rom. 1: 24–32.

He said that all the vices and crimes practiced in the heathen and Christian world are found in these churches. Paul refers to Gentiles and Jews. Read from the 24 verse to the 32 of Romans. All the race stands here alike, we as a race stand in the same place. The Jewish race was selected as the depositors of God's word. There is a religion without morality, but no one can be a Christian without morality. The jewish people were the noblest people, but when they became immoral God purged, and rejected them.

Next followed the election of Secretaries. On motion of J. W. Lowry, David F. Caliman was placed in nomination for Chief Secretary. The motion prevailed. Richard Tanner being nominated for recording secretary by H. A. Grant and Dr. Palmer for statistical secretary, were also elected.

On motion the bar of the conference extend to the third seats. Carired.

The following named brethren were elected to act as Marshals of the conference: Revs. T. J. Simmons, and Sandy Christian.

Bishop Payne said, that the committees appointed a year ago were permanent, and those not ready to report when called upon will be left over till next year. The previously arranged committees:

On State of the Church and Country:—Cornelius Asbury, J. W. Riley, Charles A. McGee.

On Sunday Schools:—Richard Tanner, Robert W. Henderson, Chas. H. Brown.

On Education:—J. H. Morris, H. G Thomas, S. C. Honesty, A. E. Waldon, R. H. Morris.

On Bible Cause.—Ishmael Till, Alex Smothers, J. J. Morris.

On Temperance:—Isaac N. Ross, S. Christian, Richard Brown, Carter Wright, David F. Caliman.

On Missions:—Walter S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson, J. N. Young, appointed in the place of J. W. Lavett.

On Admissions:—Geo. C. Sampson, I. B. Till, G. G. Skinner, I. N. Ross, J. W. Riley.

On First and Second Years Studies:—Wm. H. Palmer, Benj. Wheeler, Wm. H. Brown.

On Third and Fourth Years Studies:—Cornelius Asbury, W. S. Lowry, R. H. Morris, D. S. Bentley, R. Tanner.

On Finance:—The pastor of the church, Rev. C. Wright, G. W. Webster, W. S. Lowry, B. Wheeler, I. N. Ross, C. Asbury, J. M. Morris.

On Circuits and Stations;—The Presiding Elders—D. S. Bently, Wm. H. Brown, and J. W. Riley.

On Public Worship:—Carter Wright, and the Presiding Elders.

The Editor of Christian Record, Dr. Henry T. Johnson, was introduced to the conference, who said, that he was glad to look in on the brethren. "Nature smiles on us, hoping it is prophetic of a pleasant session".

Rev. M. Milholland, of the Presbyterian church, was introduced to the conference.

Presiding Elder Brown stated that Rev. R. H. Morris's absence was occasioned by reason of the fact that he was called to officiate at a funeral at Washington, Pa.

THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Rev. D. S. Bently P. E. Wylie avenue, Pittsburg, was reported by C. Asbury pastor; East End, Pittsburg, by G. C. Sampson, Altona station by J. J. Norris; Williamsport station, by Richard Tanner, Scranton station by Chas. A. McGee, Wilkesbarre station, by I. B. Till; New Haven station by C. N. Woodson; Bellefonte station, Samuel C. Honesty; Braddock circuit, Hartly G. Thomas; Phillippsburg circuit, by Henry A Grant; Bedfort circuit, by J. Wesley Brown, who was taken up by the Presiding Elder during the interval of the conference and appointed to said work. Montrose circuit, was

reported by David J. Johnson; Bloomsburg circuit, by Hutchison Johnson; Greensburg Mission by William N. Young; Tyrone Mission by Chas. Gardner; and Milton Mission by Sandy Christian.

NEW WORK.

Jerse Shore Mission, Presiding Elder Bently stated, that a neat little church had been built at this place, and paid for. The same was reported by Chas. Butt local preacher.

West Pittston, six or eight miles from Wilkesbarre, Pa. Reported by Israel Holmer, local preacher; Burgettstown Mission reported by C. H. Arnold, local preacher.

Pending these reports Bishop Payne stated the difference between religi m and Christianity.—"A man may be religious and yet at the same time very immoral; but a Christian man is a strictly moral man. Have this in mind. A man once stated to another that he had stolen, lied and gotten drunk but had not lost his religion. Many persons are ready to that and talk about religion; but they will get mad and even fight. Such is not Christianity." A Christian cannot lie, steal, nor get drunk.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Wm. H. Brown, Presiding Elder Brown Chapel, Allegheny City, reported I. N. Ross, pastor. Manchester station submitted its report through D. F. Caliman pastor. South Side reported, R. Brown pastor. Mononghela City, reported by W. H. Palmer. Brownsville reported by G. W. Webster. New Brighton made its report through A. E. Walden pastor. Meadville reported, J. W. Jeffries pastor. Franklin reported, R. M. Henderson, pastor. Erie, S. P. West, pastor reported, Elizabeth circuit, Benjamin Wheeler pastor reported. Oil City reported, W. S. Lowry pastor. Bridgewater, reported J. M. Morris, pastor. Bradford reported, B. Morgan pastor. W. Newton, reported C. H. Brown, pastor. Duquesne Mission, reported M S. Jones pastor. Olean N. Y. reported by B. Morgan. Snowden, J. W. Sanders, pastor.

WHEELING, W. VA., DISTRICT.

John W. Riley, Presiding Elder, Wheeling, W. Va., station, reported, Price A. Scott, pastor. Cannonsburg, reported, G. G. Skinner, pastor. Waynesburg reported, T. A. West pastor. Parkersburg, reported by H. J. Williams, local preacher. Charelston no report, Clarkesburg Mission reported, W. H. Pride pastor. Morgantown Mission, no report. Phillippi reported, L. A. Barber, pastor. Boon, no report. West Middletown circuit, reported; Alex Smothers pastor. The reports being all in except Washington, Pa. Williamsport, and Unionton show that there has been considerable decrease in some places against last year. The conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

"Together let us sweetly live, etc." was sung. Benedicton by Bishop B. W. Arnett.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 2:30 p. m. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair. Singing by the conference.

The report from Williamsport was called for which was submitted by Rev. Tanner, pastor.

Next was taken up the Disciplinary questions.

13th: What preachers admitted on trial? *Ans. Richard, H. Cumery.*

14: Who remain on trial? None.

15: Who are admitted or re-admitted to full connection? None.

16th: Who are the Deacons? See roll.

17th: Who have been elected and ordained Deacons and Elders this year.? Ans:—Deacons, M. S. Jones, Thos. West, J. W. Sanders, S. P. West. The report on third and fourth years studies was called for, which was promptly submitted by Dr. C. Asbury, chairman. The report recommends that O. T. Davis and J. W. Jeffries be ordained Elders. The question arose in respect to admission of S. P. West. It was shown by the minute that he was admitted on trial at Oil City 1892.

On motion by Dr. Bently, that the report on first and second years, be ordered amended so as to recommend S. P. West for deacon under the missionary rule. Carried.

18th: Who have been located this year? No one.

19th: Who have been elected by the general conference to exercise the Episcopal office in, and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal church? Answer:—Danie D. Payne, Alexander W. Wayman, Thomas M. D. Ward, John M. Brown, Henry M. Turner, Wesley A. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjaman T. Tanner, Abraham Grant, Benjamin F. Lee, Moses B. Salters and James A. Handy.

Bishop John M. Brown reported as having deceased March 16th 1893. He was burried at Washington D. C. March 21, 1893.

Bishop Arnett appointed Dr. H. F. Johnson, Bently and C. Wright as a committee on memoirs.

20th: Who are the Supernumerary preachers? None; Jenkins W. Williams having transfe red to the N. Y. Conference.

21st: Who are the Superannuated preachers? Ans, Wm G. Ralph, Sugaras T. Jones.

22nd: Who have been expelled from the connection by the conference? No one.

23rd: Who have withdrawn this year from this conference and the connection? No one.

James W. Lavatt, having transferred to the Baltimore Annual Conference.

24th: Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The characters of all the preachers have been examined, and found blameless.

25th: What members of the conference have died this year? Lee Memoirs.

26th: Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

27th: Where shall our next conference be held?

Monongahela City, was put in nomination by Dr. W. H. Palmer.

Wilkesbarre, by W. S. Lowry, and Wheeling, W. Va, by C. A. McGee.

Rev. Palmer presented the claims of Monongahela City. He stated the people are able to care for the conference, that it would stimulate the church and have the effect to encourage the people to work for the interest of the cause of Christ.

Rev. I. B. Till stated that the church at Wilkesbarre would be gratified to have the conference come there. The generosity of the people is great and they will bountifully provide for the conference. Rev. Bently said the future of Wilkesbarre is promising but unfortunately the church is unfavorably situated. Rev. Charles Brown spoke in favor of going to Wilkesbarre.

Rev. P. Scott, spoke in behalf of Wheeling. He thought the conference being there would do much to restore confidence in the people as to our church. He thought that the influence and sentiments of the conference was needed greatly to counteract misguided impressions extant in refenence to our church at Wheeling and that conference would be ably sustained. Rev. McGee and Riley also spoke in favor of Wheeling. Bishop Payne said we will do well to go to Wheeling as we will do much to wipe out evil influence which Jones created there. The vote was then taken as follows. Wheeling, 28; Wilkesbarre, 2; and Mon. City, 4. Wheeling receiving the largest number of votes, was declared to be the place for holding the next annual conference.

28th: When shall we hold the next annual session of this conference? Answer:—The Ohio conference will be held on the 1st Thursday in September, 1894, the N. Ohio conference the 3rd Thursday in September, and the Pittsburg conference on the 1st Thursday in October 1894. H. F. Johnson, Editor, called the attention of the conference to the subscription list, hoping that the conference would mantainits past record as to prompt renewals and purchasing of books, etc.

Bishop Payne requested every preacher to buy and carefully study the book "Domestic Education." It will help to make home what it ought to be. He also specially requested the members of the conference to get the Forum of October, in which is an article, by Bishop Haygood, showing why the colored people of the South are being lynched. It is reported that 500 000 men of the South have pledged themselves to extreminate the Negros of the South. No Christian Nation can be evterminated, but wicked men. A black sinner is no better in the sight of God than a white sinner! Read, said Bishop, the Domestic Education and practice its precepts.

It was voted that D. S. Bentley D. D., and Rev. C. A. McGee, (who declining in favor of Dr. Asburg) be the speaker for the evenings in response to the welcome address to be given by Rev. C. Wright. The motion prevailed. Bishop Payne answered the question propounded by Rev. Morgan in reference to pastors, salary. He said, the $400.00 does not include house, board and fuel.

"Up unto thee our living head," was sung. after which the conference adjourned. Benediction by D. S. Bently.

FIRST DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The conference reconvened at 8 p. m. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair

Devotional opening exercises, conducted by Presiding Elder Riley, Hymn, 28.—"God moves in a mysterious may, etc" was sung by the choir. Rev. Riley lead in prayer. "Praise him, praise him," etc, was fervently sung by the choir.

Bishop stated that in the absence of Bishop Payne it was his pleasing duty to conduct the exercises. He stated "there are other duties besides preaching; The interest of education, and similar duties claim our attention." There is a wonderful change in the manner of conducting the conference. It is a method of instruction, intellectual, moral and religions. He stated, that he had a special interest in this conference.

The Mayor of Uniontown was introduced. He said he could welcome the conference here with all his heart, in behalf of the citizens of Uniontown.

Mr. Miller member of Board of Education was called on and said he indorsed the sentiments of the Burgess of the city.

The choir then sung, "Blessed he the fountain."

Judge Campell was invited by Bishop Arnett to speak. He stated that he felt impelled to say a word. Saying he met Bishop Arnett many years ago at Brownsville and also at this place. I was impressed by his manly, honest inteligent expression and are gratified to know of the advancements that he has made. I am glad that I can feel that God is love and we all are brethren."

Rev. Bird was next introduced. He stated he was gratified to be present. He knew that he voiced the sentiments of the ministers of the city in representation. He stated that the colored ministry was doing much to solve the great question if the whites will keep "hands off" the negro would succeed.

The choir sung with spirit, "Glory to God the Father."

Rev. Carter Wright was introduced, who then delivered a very fitting and hearty address. See address.

"There is a royal banner given" etc, was beautifully rendered by the choir.

Rev. Bently, P. E. of the Pittsburg District, was introduced as the first speaker in response to the address of welcome. He stated that he was glad to be present, but would enjoy the occasion to simply listen, but felt it his duty to say a few words He spoke of the great work done at Wilberforce University and of the noticeable feature that Bishop Arnett created for African Methodism at the worlds fair.

Dr. H. T. Johnson of the Christian Record, was introduced. He sated he was glad that he was present to respond to the different departments—the Mayor, the educational, the law, and the gospel. Hereferred to the remark of Bishop Payne, namely that thousands of enemies are pledged to exterminate the negros of the South. He stated that there was another side. The good people of the South and lsewhere are waking up and will help us. He said christianity was

destined to conquer all opposing elments inasmuch as it embodied all the truth. Bishop Arnett stated that editor Johnson himself was a striking example of the progress of the race. He said he endorsed the gospel of hope. If you, as a preacher, don't believe in God, quit preaching and go home. First God and first class men, and we will succeed.

Dr. Asbury of Wylie Avenue A. M. E. church, Pittsburg, said, he believed all could say, "It is good to be here." "We have been welcomed by the business men in Union.on, the Burgess," the representatives of education and we have been welcomed by a representative of the clergy. Last but not least we have been cordially welcomed to this beautiful church. He said we are the representatives of a million people. 350,000 Sabbath school scholars, and 500,000 members. Our people are progressing financially, intellectually and morally. We represent a church that takes care of our people. Bishop Wayman in former days traveling through the south, preached one text, viz: "I seek my brethren." Is Christianity a failure? Any fair minded man could sit in the world's Congress and see the superiority of Christianity.

The choir and congregation, most heartily sung, "O hail the power of Jesus, Name."

On motion by Henry A. Grant, that the conference extend a vote of thanks to the speakers for their encouraging, instructive and interesting remarks. The motion was carried.

Bishop Arnett, said in the absence of Bishop Payne, he thanked the speakers for their words of welcome and encouragement, in his behalf.

He said to the ministers, don't go back to your churches and preach discouraging doctrine:—"Every man to his tent."

A collection was lifted by the finance committee, during which the choir rendered most pleasingly "Jesus Redeemer," and "Song of the Cross." Amount collected, $6.44.

Rev. Israel Holmes having arrived too late to take a written examination, was examined orally and passed a very creditable examination.

The conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop B. W. Arnett.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

October 13, 1893.

Conference convened at 9 a. m. Bishop Payne in the chair. Opening devotional exercises conducted by Richard Tanner. Hymn 224, "Father of Jesus Christ, my Lord," was sung earnestly by the conference. Brother Tanner lead in prayer. Singing "Try Us, Oh God," was sung.

1. Cor. 5: 1–9.

Bishop Payne commented on the scriptures as follows:—Now the

Apostle Paul following out the moral principles of the eternal Gospel warns the church againstthe vices practiced by the people. He felt it his duty to strike them. A man, whom I trust is in heaven, once charged me as saying, all the ministers were adulterers. I don't believe all are, that could not be; but some are, against whom I lift my voice. What is the Christian religion? Pure and undefiled religion according to Divine Authority is this:—Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspoted from the world." The moral and the Christian principles are here fully brought out. They are never separated. Paul to the Ephesians says, that the church is to be without spot, wrinkle or blemishes; but that it should be holy and without blame. The church in order to be pure must purge out evil. The Blessed Lord gave himself a ransome to purge the heart from all sin and from its defilement. In 1 Cor. 5: 1–9 Paul gives a list of crimes which outsiders practice, some; I mean not all. Read the 6th Chap. 9 and 10 verses. "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?" "Be not deceived." Many are deceived by the eloquent tongue.

The minutes of the previous session were read and after necessary correctiens were approved.

INTRODUCTIONS.

The Rev. Mr. Boyle of the M E. church and Rev. Mr. Bell of Z. A. M. E. church, were introduced to the conference and invited to a seat within the bar.

The committee on admission made its report through the chairman, G. C. Sampson. See report.

On motion it was voted that the report as read, be received and adopted. Pending the adoption of said report, Brothers McNight, Williams, Ch. Butts and J. W. Brown, were called before the conference, and Rev. Sampson explained why they had been taken up and recommended to the conference for admission. The reason was that they were needed and had done good work. The report was adopted.

The committee on Sunday schools made its report through the secretary, C. H. Brown.

Bishop Payne asked the number of the Sunday Schools in the districts. Allegheny district, 22; Pittsburg district, 30; Wheeling district, 12.

The bishop requested the various pastors to collect $2.60 from their Sunday School and send the same to Dr. C. S. Smith, Nashville, Tenn., in lieu of the fact that a serious failure has befallen our S. S. Union. Danger of losing the property by reason of bank-failing. The report was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Gladden of the M. P. church was introduced to the conference.

The report on State and Country not being ready to report, was passed by, leaving it over till next year.

The report on Temperance was called for, which was submited by the Secretary D. F. Caliman, pending, quite a heated discussion was elicited in which W. H. Palmer, I. N. Ross, and J. W. Riley, took

part. The report was adopted, Bishop Payne said it is known that persons using tobacco cannot endure continued exercise and work, to the extent of those who do not use it.

RESOLUTIONS BY H. A. GRANT.

1. On Temprance Reform. The same was received and adopted.

BY D. S. BENTLEY.

2. In respect to the Parliament of Religion, recently held at Chicago, Bishop Payne, spoke in reference to the 2nd resolution, endorsing it with commendatory remarks in reference to the great benefits and lasting impression made on the world by the Religious Parliament. The A. M. E. church owes a lasting gratitude to Bishop Arnett, for his efficient and ample representation at the "Parliament," in respect to the African Methodist Episcopal church, which it never can repay!

3. Rev. W. H. Brown, offered a resolution in which Bishop Arnett is mentioned as having been invited to visit Foreign Countries. The same were received.

Rev. Palmer made some very appropriate remarks.

Dr. H. T. Johnson also spoke fittingly on the utility of the Great Religious Parliament.

On motion by J. W. Riley, the discussion as to the Parliament be left over until this afternoon for a further consideration. Carried.

After some announcements, the conference adjourned. Benediction by Elder Skinner.

Rev. Wm. M. Baker, paid $5.00 on subscription to Payne's Theological Seminary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 2:30 p. m. Bishop B. W. Arnett presiding.

Opening exercises consisting in singing, "Together let us sweetly live." And some very necessary remarks relative to the importance of making appropriate selection of hymns. "Sing hymns suited to the occasion."

Some very fitting remarks were make in reference to the importance of the ministers of the blessed Christ, to adapt themselves to the various work and duties involved upon them. Bishop Payne called for the minutes of the morning session which were read, and after necessary correction, the same were adopted.

The discussion in respect to the resolution referring to the parliament of religion, was taken up. J. W. Riley. Hutcheson Johnson, Rev. Bynum, spoke creditable to the resolution.

On notice by D. S Bentley that the previous resolution be amended in which that $15.00 be collected to be appropriated towards the Arnett medal, the motion carried.

The following was collected: D. S. Bentley, and W. H. Brown paid $1.00 cash. G. C. Sampson, D. F. Caliman, R. Tanner, P. Roman, P A. Scott, R Brown, C. A. McGee. G. G. Skinner, I N. Ross, W. H. Palmer, W. Johnson, H. A. Grant, W. M. Young J. W. Sanders, T. J. Simmons. D. J. Johnson, W. S. Lowry, J. W. Brown, R. M. Henderson, J. J. Norris, paid 50cts each The follow-

ing paid 25cts. each: Mrs. H. A. Grant, G. W. Webster, Rev. Steward, R. H. Bummery, O. T. Davis, B. Morgan, Rev. Smothers, J. W. Jeffries paid 75cts.

Total amount collected $15.10. The same was paid over to Dr. H. T. Tohnson, who receipted for the same. The following is a copy:

Received, Uniontown Pa. Oct. 13, *of Pittsburg Conference Fifteen dollars, towards the Arnett Medal.* H. T. JOHNSON.

On motion by W. H. Brown, that Bishop Payne be placed on the committee to act in conjunction with the committee appointed at Chicago to select a medal in honor of Bishop Arnett. The motion was caried. The Rev. Mr. King, of the Baptist church, was introduced to conference.

As this juncture of the conference, the same resolved itself into the Missionary Society.

The conference resumed its session.

The report on Missions was submitted by W. S. Lowry.

On motion that the report be received carried.

A letter of appeal as to the needs of the mission work in Africa from our Foreign Missionary, Rev. Frederick, was read. Bishop Payne requested the brethren of the conference to consider what can be done and report the same at the evening session.

Presiding Elder Brown said that but little is being done for Foreign Missions out side of the 3rd Episcopal District.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the conference adjourned by singing, "O, for a heart to praise my God."

Benediction by Rev. Dr. H. T. Johnson.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop B. W. Arnett presiding.

Opening devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Thomas.

The choir heartily sang. "Far. far. away." Rev. Thomas led in prayer. "There is a fountain filled with blood" was sung by the choir.

Bishop Arnett made some very fitting appropriate remarks as introductory to the occasion for which the session was called.—The Anniversary of Conference Missionary Society.

The congregation was richly treated to the plaintive song, "The Old, Old Story.

Rev. W. S. Lowry was then introduced, who read the reports on missions. The report eloquently set forth the claims and needs relative to the missionary cause. The choir fervently discoursed, "Behold what manner of love." Elder G. W. Sampson was introduced as the first speaker. He said in substance, that Jesus Christ was the greatest missionary. He came to shed light on the dark party of humantiy, especially does this apply to our own race.

Out of the relics of a cruel slavery, God has given us a great church, in which we can utilize the energies and talents which he has given us. We are to take an active part in the evangelization of Africa. May every church, Sunday School, hamlet and home be infused with the spirit of missions.

The choir heartily sang "Gather Them In."

Wm. H. Brown, P. E., was next introduced as the next speaker. He said Africa is a world of Heathenism; yet one of the greatest countries in natural production on earth. We must remember that heathen are not all ignorant; some of the greatest philosophers are found among the heathens. We make a sad mistake when we send unqualified men as missionaries to these people. The missionary must be a man of sound judgement, strong in faith, and developed, physically and mentally. Let us awake and rally to the cause in our home work, that we may extend our borders to Africa and the islands of the sea.

The choir, assisted by the congregation, fervently sung, "We will rest in the fair and happy land," during which the missionary committee raised a collection to the amount of $8.43.

Another choice selection, "Out with the life boat," was discoursed by the choir, and "I don't want to die in the storm," by the congregation was sung.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," was sung.

The committee on public worship read the appointments for Lord's Day, Oct. 15th.

The time having arrived, the conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. H. T. Johnson.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair.

Devotional opening exercises conducted by elder R. Brown Hymn 226, "O for a heart to praise my God," was sung. Prayer by Rev. Brown.

Singing, "His yoke is easy and his burden is light," was sung. Bishop Payne, called the attention to the conference to 1: Tim, 1. 5. "The end of the law is charity out of a pure heart." Love out of a pure heart is always right. Love out of an impure heart best. Marriages are often brought about for love of money; and such likes, when such is the case misery and ruin follow.

The church of Washington, Pa. made its report through the pastor, Rev. R. H. Morris.

Rev. J. Page reported the work at Bellevue Mission.

The reports of Presiding Elders were next called for.

The same were submitted in order by the respective P. Elders. 1, Pittsburg District, D. S. Bentley; 2, Allegheny District, W. H. Brown; 3. Wheeling (W. Va.) District, J. W. Riley.

Special mention is deserving Mrs. Frances V. Gladden of Homestead, Pa., who seated our new church at said place, at a cost of $235.00 and on the day of dedication, gave $50.00 more.

Elder R. Morgan paid on subscription to Payne Theo. Inst. $3.35. Elder Riley made a statement as to a very good work accomplished by Mrs. N. J. Bell, evangelist, in his District. Bishop Payne said, he always looked upon a women as an angel. Also if God calls a women to preach, let her preach.

The contributors: Dr. Kuntz $25.00; Mr. Hinkle $50.00; Mrs. Hinkle $40.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bare $50.00: Mr. Coppegard, $25.00: are deserving of special mention, this being given on the new church at Weston, W.Va., built by Mrs. Bell.

A 3d reading of the report on missions was called for.

By request of Bishop Payne, Dr. H. T Johnson read a letter recently received from Rev. J. R. Frederick, Missionary in Africa, Sierre Leone, setting forth the need for immediate relief.

Bishop stated, he had a little over $20.000 in hand for Siere Leone work, and requested the conference to see what it could do.

On motion by H. A. Grant, that a vote of recognition and thanks be tendered to Mr. L. C. Jones for his accurate account of the business of the conference. Carried

On motion by W. H. Palmer, that H. A. Grant be reporter for the Christian Recorder. Carried.

The report on circuits and stations was submitted by W. H. Brown.

Bishop Payne called the brethren to be ordained Elders and Deacons before the altar, and instructed them to carefully read the ceremony on ordination, that they might have an intelligent conception in respect to the solemn obligations. He said the Christian ministry is next to heaven; he represents the Lord Jesus Christ.

After singing "Reach down, O Lord, thy arms of Grace," conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 2:30, Bishop Arnett in the chair.

The conference opened by singing "What a friend we have in Jesus."

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The report on Circuits and Stations, by motion, was adopted.

On motion, it was voted that the members of the Church Extension Board be re-elected. They are the following: B. Wheeler, W. H. Brown and D. S. Bently. Laymen: J. M. Webster, of Brighton: and W. H. Mills, of Bellefonte, Pa.

The following brethren were elected on the educational board: W. S. Lowry, R. Tanner and R. Brown. Laymen, J. H. Page and W. Derham.

Bishop Arnett announced the transfer of Rev. Thomas B. Bynum from the Tenn. Conference to the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. church.

The ministerial members of the Sunday School Board were re-elected—G. G Skinner, J. J. Norris and C. H. Brown; Laymen, Chas. Addison, E. E. Pa., C. A. Jenkins.

Missionary committeeman, G. C. Sampson. Elected.

On motion that the pastor stationed at Brown's Chapel be book steward. Carried.

By motion, it was voted that three Trutees be elected for Wilberforce University. That the one receiving the highest vote serve 4 years, the one receiving the next highest 3 years, and the next highest 2 years. Carried.

The nominations were to wit: G. C. Sampson, 23; G. G Skinner, 16; D. F. Caliman, 24; I B. Fill, 19; C. A. McGee, 18; C. Asbury,

24; D. S. Bentley, 12; I. N. Ross, 23. On first ballot the result was as indicated above. There being a tie vote between Caliman and Asbury, and Sampson and Ross, no choice was had, and a second ballot was taken for 4, receiving the highest vote which resulted as follows: Sampson, 29; Caliman, 25; Asbury 26; Ross, 26. G. C. Sampson serves for 4 years; C. Asbury serves for 3 years; I. N. Ross serves for 2 years, as Trustees of Wilberforce University. Laymen, W. M. Baker, 4 years; S. Pratt, 3 years.

The report on Bible Cause was presented by I. B. Till, the same was received and adopted.

The judiciary report was submitted by the committee. On motion it was voted that the report be received and after some discussion was adopted. See report.

The report on Education, submitted by J. M. Morris.

On motion the report be received and discused at the Educational meeting.

Rev. Lowry also exhibited a map of Africa where the most of the missionary work had been directed, with a list of the stations or mission point. He offered to and did give the name of the house where this splendid and instructive thing can be had. He has been giving lectures with this map as an illustration, on the "Dark Continent" and missionary work there. He is an ardent missionary man and his work is worthy of invitation. The same can be obtained at Church Missionary Society, Salisbury Square, London, E. C.

Bishop Arnett stated that the memorial services in respect to Bishop Brown and Elder S. Jones, will take place at the evening session.

Conference adjourned with singing and Benediction by Elder Wright.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 8 p. m. Bishop B. W. Arnett presiding. "I hear thy welcome voice" was sung by the choir.

The minutes of the previous session were read, and after necessary corrections were adopted.

The memorial services according to previous announcement now took place.

Elder J. M. Morris conducted the opening services. He announced hymn 501. "Why do we mourn departing friends" was sung by the choir and congregation. "Gathering home" was sung by choir.

The 24th question per Discipline was asked. What members of the conference have died this year? Answer: Elder Suguras T. Jones and Rt. Rev. John M. Brown. Dr. H. T. Johnson read memoirs in respect to Bishop Brown; R. H. Morris in respect to Elder Jones and daughter; D. S. Bently in respect to the daughter of Rev. S. Christian.

"Jesus Savior, I lo e Thee" was plaintively rendered by the choir

Dr. H. T. Johnson spoke commendatory relative to Bishop Brown having known him a number of years.

The choir affectively rendered "God is calling yet." "God is calling His children home one by one," said Bishop Arnett.

Rev. Dr. Bently spoke feelingly in reference to the character of Mrs. Charles Foulker.

"Will any of them at the beautiful gate be waiting and watching for me?" was sung by Rev. Bentley, the congregation joining in the chorus.

Rev. Wm. H. Brown spoke of his acquaintance and esteem of Bishop Brown, and more particularly, he said, "I rise to say a few words concerning that good man, Suguras T. Jones, whom I have known for many years. Elder Brown's remarks were very impressive and commendatory.

"Meet me there" was pathetically sung by the congregation. The service throughout was very impressive, and the persons present were elicited to renew their pledge and faith to meet their departed friends.

The conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SERVICE.

Sunday, October 15, 1893.

Divine services commenced by singing by the choir, "We will come into the house of the Lord."

Bishop Arnett announced hymn 289, "High on His everlasting throne," which was sung.

Elder I. N. Ross fervently addressed a theme of grace.

After singing "The gospel of Thy grace" David F. Caliman read the Scripture Lesson, 1 Cor. 12.

Elder C. Wright lead in the ritual services.

Bishop Arnett announced for his text Isaiah 21: 11, 12. "The burden of Duman. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, the morning cometh, and also the night.

Subject: The Christian Watchman.

The watchman was to give account of what he saw in a vision, to the people. He saw their condition was hopeless; yet he must be true and faithful in the discharge of his duty. 1, In order that the watchman may see he must be elevated. 2, He must know–be taught of God. 3, He must be true–tell what he sees.

The minister to day is a watchman, and must be informed; he must be strong physically, moraley and spiritually; he must be true to himself, to the people, and to God. Watchman what of the night? Look out for the tower of commerce, education, morality, and Christianity. Tell them of the dangers. Tell the people their real condition. Look back and see man as he came from God. Look forward and see the bow of promise; the star of Bethlehem. Coming down the plain you hear the song "Peace on earth, good will to men" Peace, like a river, flowing to all lands and nations. The little stone cut out of the mountain filling the earth.

The necessity of the watchman. All the interests of the country need them and have them; how much more the Church of Christ—great interests at stake. Men must be taught the love of God, which is a stronger wall than brick or stone. "Love is law, etc." It will

settle all differences. Christian civilization is advancing; one of the best evidences is the elevation of woman. Look out and you can say the morning cometh. 369,000 school teachers; $149,000,000 for education, never was there a grander outlook than to-day in respect to our race. 24,000 school houses and 25,000 school teachers. 1 o'clock! 12 is past! The morning cometh and a starlight sky ahead. We have been in the night, no star but the North Star to guide us. Watch then in hope; stand to the teachings of Christ! Young men, take the torch of christian civilization, hold it up. "The morning cometh if true to God: ifotherwise it will be night."

At the close of this most interesting and instructive discourse the committee on finance lifted a collection, $21.23, after which Bishop Payne announced hymn "O Jesus, at thy feet we wait," which was sung by the choir.

Elder B. Wheeler then presented Milo S. Jones, Thos. A. J. West, John W. Saunders and S. P. West before the altar for the ordination of Deacons, Elders W. H. Brown and W. H. Palmer assisting. Bishop Payne solemnly ordained said brethren as per discipline.

Junious W. Jeffries and Owen T. Davis were presented by Elder Lowry for Elders' orders, to which office they were solemnly set apart by Bishop Payne, assisted by D. S. Bentley, Richard Tanner and W. S. Lowry, after which the communion of the Lord's Supper was administered first to all the ministers, and next, to all communicants so desiring to partake.

The services throughout were fraught with much spiritual comfort, and power. The same concluded by singing Doxology.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

Women's Mite Missionary anniversary, commenced at 3 p. m. Mrs. B. W. Arnett, presiding.

Rev. I. B. Till announced Hymn 15, and after singing, led in prayer. Singing by the choir.

Representatives of the W. M. M. Society present, to wit: Mesdames B. W. Arnett, Alice Batch, Elizabeth; G. B. Gorden, Erie; Grace Offer, Pittsburg; S. Gardener, Meadville; Mary E. Baker, Brownsville; Eliza Moxley, Uniontown; H. Thomas; Homestead; H. A. Grant, Phillipsburg; R. Kemper, Mon. City; Stanton, Allegheny; S. Lacy, Waynesburg; C. Williams, M. Pierson, Allegheny; M. E. Black, Brownsville; Emma Franklin, Erie; Alice Gardner, New Haven; R. H. Morris, Washington; Frazier, Clarksburg, W. Va.; C. West, Mon. City; Virg. Paige, Pittsburg; Kennedy, Muncy; Saunders; Pittsburg, Whiting, Connelsville; Priger, Sewickley; Misses Whiting, Wheeling; Ella Muncy, Greensburg; Lizzie West, Uniontown.

The choir sang "Bless the Lord," after which Bishop Arnett stated the object of the meeting, and introduced Dr. H. T. Johnson, who proceeded to address the large and appreciative audience. This address was thoughtful, impressive and instructive, full of stimulous, especially in respect to that part of Christian Endeavor in which women are engaged.

"Over the Ocean Wave" was sung, led by Dr. Johnston, the congregation joining in the chorus.

Mrs. M. J. Bell, evangelist, was next introduced. She said she was glad the women had a chance to work. Some persons say they are not interested in and are not going to Africa, if so, they will die. Some are afraid they will die if they do something for God. Suppose we should die in Africa, it is as near to heaven from Africa as it is from America.

Mrs. Bell has accomplished a splendid work in building an A. M. E. church at Weston, W. Va.

Bishop Payne: The M. M. S. was organized to help other Christian countries, evangelize the heathen world. Not to help in this country; we have no want of light here. If the women knew the condition of their sex as I know them, they would open their purses to send them light. The women are brutes—creatures of last for the men. When a father dies his oldest son takes his place, making his own sisters his concubines. Is not this horrible? Millions of dollars are expended every year ro enlighten Africa. Educated white women are going there to enlighten the women; to make them what God intended they should be. The men must be taught that that woman belongs to the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, as well as man. My plea is for the women of Africa; to make them happy, noble and useful. May your heart be touched in their behalf!

Mrs. H. A. Grant and Mrs. Grace Offer took up the collection for the Society, Amount, $50.20. The same was put in the hands of Bishop Payne.

The Missionary choir sang some very appropriate and choice selections during the services. Words of greeting were received from Mrs. Sada J. Anderson. corresponding secretary W. M. M. S., of Steubenville, O. Thomas J. Davidson, of Elizabeth, paid $5.00.

The M. M. Society of the 3rd Episcopal District will meet at Cleveland, O., July 3, 4 and 5, 1894.

All feeling that this was a profitable meeting, the same adjourned with doxology.

EVENING SERVICES.—GOSPEL TEMPERANCE.

The services were presided over by Elder W. H. Brown.

D. S. Bentley opened with Hymn 273, "Draw near, O Son of God," Prayer by Dr. Bentley. Scripture Lesson, 37 Psalm. Singing by the choir.

D. Palmer was introduced, who eloquently set forth the evils, and remedies in respect to the great subject in hand.

Rev. J. W. Riley, P. E. was next introduced who lo ically presented the many phrases of intemperence, and cleary showed the value and importance of true temperance. Rev. R. Tanner was the next speaker. In a very earnest and comprehensive manner he discoursed the suflject to the satisfaction of the large audience. Rev. I. N. Ross was the next speaker, who truly and earnestly stuck to his subject, with death dealing sentiments against intemperance, and made a strong plea for temperance. Rev. C. Asbury D. D. having been introduced spoke in his usual, earnest and forcible manner. Rev. G. C. Sampson concluded the remarks. He fearlessly and emphatically attacked all the victims of intemperance leaving no quarters for

tobacconists, much less for tiplers. It is to be hoped that the audience will profit by the many important and good things presented at this meeting.

At the close of which a collection was taken amounting to $27.95.

Singing by the choir in beautiful strains, closing with benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Uniontown, Oct. 16, 1893.

Conference reconvened at 9 a. m. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair.

Devotional opening services conducted by Rev. A. Smothers Hymn, 146 was sung. Prayer by Rev. Smothers.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read, and adopted. Singing.

BISHOP PAYNE'S COMMENTS.

The severs but sublime morality of the living church of God, which is to be spotless, without wrinkle. In a physical senes if a person loses a hand, arm or finger or an eye that person is blemished. to the church, the moral character must be untarnished. Purified by the blood of Christ.

Elder Brown asked duty of the P. E. when he failed to get his salary? Ans. It is the duty of the pastor to collect it and have it ready. If he does not do this, the amount due is to be reported to the annual conference, which shall order the same to be collected by the pastor in charge

The Book Steward committee submitted their report; the same was dopted.

Rev. J. W. Riley offered resolution in respect to the Wheeling District. The same was received and adopted. It was voted that 25 Minutes he donated to the Wheeling District for free distribution.

On motion it was voted that the conference recommend the financial committee. if possible, to appropriate $100.00 to the A. M. E. church at Monogahela City.

A petition from the district conference of the Wheeling district was read, appropriation of $500.00. The same was referred to the financial committee. Conference went into Historical Leterary Society, at 11 a. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference resumed business at 3:30 p. m. The subscription list concerning the Arnett medal, was opened and, the following subscribed, and paid.

Mrs. A. Gardner 75 cents.

The following 50 cents: Cyrus Woodson, Mary Lewis, J. H. Thomson, Mrs. I. Ribbs, Mrs. M. Vaney, J. H. Manaway, W. H. Thomas, Mrs. H. Kenedy, Mrs. M. Black. Mrs. G. G. Skinner, San. Christian. The following paid 25 cents: R. B. Morris. M. J. Bell, J. W. Butler, E. McNight, R. Robinson, Nettie McNeal, Mrs. L. Frazier, M. H. York, D. Payne, Mrs. L. Johnson, S. E. Stanton,

Mrs. E. Layne, Mrs. M. Pierson, Mrs. M. J. Bell, J. T. Green, Mrs. M. Katlin, D. F. Fergerson, Mrs. E. J. Scott, C. Wright. Total $11.00. The amount was paid over to Dr. H. T. Johnson, who receipted for the same.

The fiancial committee submitted their report. Chairman, W. S. Lowry. The same was received and adopted,

A telegram bearing the sad news of the death of Mrs. Tillie Honesty, mother of the Rev, S. T. Honesty, Brownsville, Pa. was read. On motion it was voted that the conference heartily sympathize with our brother in his sad bereavement, and D. S. Bently prepare expressions of memoirs.

Conference went into Session of Preachers Aid Society.

Conference resumed its session.

The Payne Pledges were called for and $12.50 was collected; see roll.

Conference adjourned with Doxology. Benediction by BishopB. W. Arnett.

EVENING SESSION.—EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop B. W. Arnett presiding: Devotional opening exercises consisted in singing by the choir, and Rev. C. H. Brow lead in prayer, Singing by the choir. The minutes of the previous session read and adopted. The report on Education was called for and submitted by Elder J. M. Morris. Rev. D. Bentley, second the report in a very timely and entertaining speech. Singing by the choir. Rev. I. N. Ross was introduced, who paid a most glowing tribute to the work and cause of Christan Education.

Rev. C. Asbury D. D. was next introduced, who made a plea profoundly and eloquently for domestic, and Christian Education.

Dr. H. T. Johnson, being introduced, concluded this part of the programme by the famous "Parrot Story."

Bishop Arnett spoke of the utility and importance of Wilberforce University.

While the choir discoused most inspiring music, Drs. Bentley and Asbury lifted the collection $20.17. The same wa paid to Bishop Arnett for the "Payne's Theological Seminary." By request the secretary lead in singing "Meet Me There," in which the congregation heartly joined. Bishop Arnett said, now, we are about to part again, some to the north, some to the south, and some to the east and some to the west. And some of us will never meet on earth again; I never go away and return but what I find that some have gone. Some are a long time starting to get ready to meet "over there." All who pledge themselves anew to meet, "when the toils of life are o'er," let us rise and sing another verse "Meet Me There."

(Dr. C. Asbury said in behalf of the conference,—in as much as we have had with us, the most pleasant association of Bishop Arnett, and Mrs. B. W. Arnett, and Master Payne Arnett, therefore by motion it was voted that the conference express its most hearty thanks and appreciation for said privilege.)

As we sung, and stood to receive the benediction of Heaven by

Bishop Arnett we were all impressed with the deep solemnity of the occasion, and that this was one of the best meetings of the conference.

SIXTH DAY.

OCTOBER 17, 1893.

Conference reconvened at 9 a m. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair. Devotional opening services conducted by W. H. Brown, Presiding Elder. Hymn, "Let Zions Watchmen all Awake, Prayer by Elder Brown. The conference heartily joined in singing, "Fill me now, with thy hallowed presence."

The conference went into session of Historical Literary Society. Conference resumed its session. Dr. J. C. Embry and Dr. W. B. Derrick were introduced to the conference.

Bishop Payne, called for "$2.50" pledges.

The following paid $2.50: D. S. Bentley, J. W. Riley, D. F. Caliman, B. Tanner, I. N. Ross, J. W. Jeffries, H. A. Grant, W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson, C. Asbury, W. H. Palmer, S. P. West, R H. Morris, G. W. Webster, W.H. Brown P, 2.00, J. M. Morris P. 1.50, Alex Smothers P. 1. 25.

The following paid $1.00: I. B. Till, Huch. Johnson, Hart. Thomas, C. A. McGee, D. J. Johnson, R. M. Henderson, C. M. Woodson, Price A. Scott, G. G. Skinner, S. Christian, C. Wright, B. Morgan, W. M. Young, L. A. Barber, O. T. Davis, E. McNight. Total collected, $52.75, paid same to Bishop Payne for the Payne Theological Seminary.

Next the notes in respect to "Payne's History" were called for. P. A. Scott, renewed his notes for $2.00 to be paid in the space of 60 days. Hart. Thomas, T. D. Scott, G. G. Vreeland, are still Dr. for the same.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Embry, occupied ample time in presenting the noble work, and necessary claims of our Publishing House of which he is Manager.

Next Dr. W. B. Derrick, secretary of Home and Foreign Missons was introduced, who clearly and forcibly presented the Mission work and its cause especially in respect to foreign Mission fields, also he paid a glowing tribute to the Ladies of the Mite Missionary Society.

On motion it was voted that we have 1,000 minutes printed at 15cts. per copy.

A resolutions of condolence in respect to the death of Mrs. Tillie Honesty of Brownsville Pa., were snbmitted by D. S. Bentley. The same were received.

Benediction by Dr. Boyle, of the M. E. church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 3:30 p. m. Bishop Payne in the chair.

After singing "Standing on the promise," Bishop Payne, having Richard H. Bumery before the altar, received him on probation in the conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Offered by H. A. Grant, in behalf of Bishop Payne and re

porter, L. C. Jones, received. 2. Offered by Dr. Asbury, in behalf of Bishops Arnett, Payne, choir, editor, choir, hospitable friends Received. 3. By G. C. Sampson in behalf of D. S. Bentley P. E. Received

It was voted by motion of W. H. Brown, that the conference borrow the sum of $50.00 to be appropriated in sustaining Jesse B. Walace at Wilberforce University The same was carried.

Resolution of appreciation to our general officers, Dr. H. T. Johnson, editor, Dr. J. C. Emery, manager and W. B. Derrick, for the kind words and instructive remarks while among us. Caried.

The conference sung, "A charge to keep I have," with power.

Bishop Payne said, brethren, we have reached that hour when many hearts shall be made sad, and many glad. It is impossible to please everybody, the church, or the pastor. I have found in my life time whenever I gain one advantage which I have, I lose another, so is it ordained of God.

In the early history of our church there were only 2 or 3 stations in the connection—Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York. There was the birth of the connection. I would, if in my power, give every man just what he desires: but if we have the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ in us we will be content. If the brethren have the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire, they will succeed. We urge you now as we have done in the past, never cease to cultivate the intellect; cultivate the heart keep all evil desires but cultivate the will, be obedient to law and orders, many fail because the people have no faith in them Get the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire, and you will win souls to God. Have infinite love to the great and good redeemer. Cultivate abounding love toward the brethren, and all mankind. Take exceeding delight in righteousness which embraces all the moral and spiritual graces, with these combined you will prosper; your usefulness will be in proportion to your holiness. The appointments were them made. See conference roll.

Symposium for historical literary society, 1894. Why is it at the present time, while there are over 250 million natives in Africa, a handfull of Europeans can take their country from them?

Publishing committee,—David F. Caliman, Rich. Tanner, Wm. H. Palmer, W. H. Brown, D. S. Bentley.

No further business appearing before the conference the same adjourned by singing "Jesus the name high over all." Benediction by

DAINEL A. PAYNE.
Presiding Bishop.

DAVID F. CALIMAN.
Secretary

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Cornelius Asbury,..... Presiding Elder
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg,..... Isaac N. Ross
East End..... Walter S. Lowry
Altoona Station,..... J. J. Norris

Williamsport,.....Richard Tanner
Scranton,.....Charles A. McGee
Wilkesbarre,.....Ishmael P. Till
New Haven,.....C. N. Woodson
Bellefonte,.....S. C. Honesty
Braddock Circuit,.....Harney G. Thomas
Lewistown,.....David J. Johnson
Phillippsburg,.....Henry A. Grant
Bedford,.....Sandy Christian
Mt. Rose,.....Owent J. Davis
Bloomsburg, Miss.....John W. Brown
Greensbrug,.....Wm. N. Young
Tyrone Missiou,.....Chas. Garner
Milton,.....Thomas B. Bynum
Pittston,.....Israel Holmes
Lockhaven,.....Hucker Johnson

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

W. H. Brown,.....Presiding Elder
Brown's Chapel, Allegheny,.....D. S. Bentley
Chartiers Street Station.....David F. Caliman
South Side, Pittsburg,.....Aut'y E. Waldan
Monongahela City Station.....W. H. Palmer
Brownsville Station,.....J. M. Morris
Uniontown,.....Carter Wright
New Brighton,.....Richard Brown
Meadville,.....J. M. Jeffries
Franklin,.....R. M. Henderson
Erie,.....Simon P. West
Elizabeth Circuit,.....Benj. Wheeler
Oil City,.....G. C. Sampson
Bridgewater,.....Geo. W. Webstes
Bradford,.....Benj. Morgan
West Newton,.....Chas H. Brown
Duquesne Mission,.....Milo S Jones
Snowden,.....J. W. Saund rs
Bellivue Miss.,.....Julius Page

WHEELING W. VA., DISTRICT.

John W. Riley,.....Presiding Elder
Wheeling Station W. Va.,.....Price A. Scott
Washington Station, Pa.,.....Richard H. Morris
Cannonsburg, Station Pa.,.....G G. Skinner
Waynesburg.....Ely McNight
Parkersburgh, W. Va.,.....Richard H. Bumery
Charleston, Miss,.....S. B. Carven
Clarkesburg,.....Wm. H. Pride
Morgantown,.....Harvey J. Williams
Phillippi,.....L. A. Barber
Boone,.....Geo. W. Hamilton
West Middletown Circuit, Pa.....Alex. Smothers

Blacksville, W. Va.,.....Thos. A. West
Burgettstown Mis. Pa.,.....Chas. H. Arnold
Beverly, W. Va.,.....Pierce More
Weston,.....

MINUTES OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

Uniontown, October 16, 1893.

Preachers' Aid Society called to order by President J. J. Norris in the chair. Roll was called, and the members all answered to their names and paid the sum of $1.00 each, their annual dues.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

No committees to report.

The Constitution was read, to inform members of the relation sustained to the Society.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, treasurer, submited his report, as follows: Amount received by dues, $40.50; paid to Rev. Sandy Christian on the death of his daughter, $10.00; for Secretary's book, $.65. Balance from last year, $146.08; with balance in treasury, $179.93. On motion that the report of the Treasurer be received.

On election of officers for the ensueing year: Rev. J. J. Norris was elected president; Rev. G. G. Skinner vice president; Rev. G. C. Sampson treasurer; Rev. J. W. Jeffries secretary.

The Preachers' Aid Society adjourned to meet in conference in Wheeling, W. Va., at the call of the Chair, October, 1894.

J. W. Jeffries, Secretary.

Roll of members. Preachers Aid Society, paid $1.00 cents on dues. Bishop D. A. Payne D. D. L. L. D. W. H. Brown. J. M. Morris, Richard Tanner, G. G. Skinner, J. J. Norris, C. Asbury, D. D., D. S. Bently, D. D., W. H. Palmer, M. D., A. E. Waldon, C. A. McGee, I. B. Till, Richard Brown, R. M. Henderson, A. Smothers, S. Christian, D. J. Johnson, H. J. Thomas, Benjarman Wheeler, G. C. Sampson, R. H. Morris, Carles Garner, J. W. Riley, I. N. Ross, L. B. Barber, Carter Wright, C. H. Brown, L. C. Scott, Price A. Scott, W. H. Pride, T. A. J. West, W. N. Young, Hutchinson Johnson, Cyrus Woodson, O. T. Davis, Thomas J. Simmons, J. W. Saunders, J. W. Jeffries, D. F. Caliman, M. S. Jones, G. W. Webster, W. S. Lowry, Robin Baker, S. C. Honesty, Henry A. Grant C. H. Arnold.

MINUTES OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Uniontown, Pa., October 13, 1893.

The Missionary Society was convened at the afternoon session, Rev. George G. Skinner in the chair.

The Secretary called the roll and the following members paid their dues of One Dollar: Bishop Daniel A. Payne, Revs. Geo. C. Sampson, William H. Brown, Cornelius Asbury, Jeremiah M. Morris, Walter S. Lowry, Isaac N. Ross, George G. Skinner, John W. Riley, Hutchinson Johnson, George W. Webster, Joshua J. Norris, Cyrus Woodson, William H. Pride, Charles H. Brown, Sandy Christian, Samuel C. Honesty Alexander Smothers, Richard Brown, Charles A. McGee, Hartley G. Thomas, David J. Johnson, James H. Pangburn, William N. Young, Junius W. Jeffries, Ishmael B. Till, Daniel S. Bentley, Richard H. Morris, Carter Wright, Thomas J. Simmons, Charles Garner, Thomas

A. J. West, David F. Caliman, Richard Tanner, Owen T. Davis, John W. Saunders, Samuel P. West, H. A. Grant, Milo S. Jones, Benj. Morgan, Anthony E. Waldon, R. H. Bomery, Price A. Scott, Peter Bowman, Lewis A. Barber, Mrs. Thamazine McDaniels, Mrs. Mary A. Johnson. Total, $47.00.

On motion Rev. George G. Skinner was elected vice president; by motion of Rev. J. W. Riley, C. H. Brown was elected secretary; on motion Rev. J. M. Morris was nominated for treasurer; on motion Rev. J. W. Jeffries was also nominated, and Ishmael B. Till and Price A. Scott, J. M. Morris received 31 votes; J. W. Jeffries 1; I. B. Till 1; Price A. Scott 3. Rev. Jeremiah M. Morris was therefore duly elected treasurer

Bishop D. A. Payne, president, appointed the pastors of Wylie Avenue, Pgh.; Brown Chapel, Allegheny; and East End, Pgh.; together with the vice president of the Missionary Society, to constitute the executive committee.

Rev. W. S. Lowry read the annual report on Missions, which was a very able and elaborate paper, full of interesting and instructive information concerning our foreign missionary work. On motion by J. W. Jeffries that we will receive it, and it be held over for discussion in the next session of the conference. Carried.

There being no further business, the Society stood adjourned.

G. G. Skinner, Vice Pres.
C. H. Brown, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

Uniontown, Pa., October 16th, 1893.

Bishop Arnett declared the Historical and Literary Society of the conference in session and asked for those who had essays. The following named brethern responded, viz. Dr. F. Caliman, H. A. Grant, W. N. Young and Dr. W. H. Palmer. On motion Dr. C. T. Johnson, Rev. J. W. Riley P. E. and Rev. R. H. Morris, were elected to act as judges on the essays to be read before the society. The subject of the symposium was "What is God doing to evangelize, civilize and Christianize the World, especially the Dark Continent of Africa". D. F. Caliman read the first paper,which was very interesting and full of Historical information. H. A. Grant read the second paper which was delivered in a very able manner, and showed considerable research and thought. W. N. Young read the third paper which was well written and well prepared, reflecting great credit upon the writer. Dr. W. H. Palmer read the fourth and last paper, which was a highly instructive essay displaying an erudite mind and filled with scientific information. The essays were submitted to the judges.

The Bishop ordered the calling of the roll of members and have them pay their dues. The roll was called and the following members came forward and paid their dues of 50c viz. Bishop D. A. Payne, Joshua J. Norris, R. Tanner, I. N. Ross, W. S. Lowry, D. S. Bentley, R. Brown, R. M. Henderson, I. B. Till, A. E. Waldon, C. A. McGee, Alex Smothers, Sandy Christian, D. J. Johnson, H. G. Thomas, Benj. Wheeler, G. C. Sampson, R. H. Morris, J. W. Riley, W. H.

Palmer M. D., Carter Wright, Lewis A. Barber, C. H. Brown, W. H. Pride, W. N. Young, Cyrus Woodson, Hutchinson Johnson, O. T. Davis, P. A. Scott, G. W. Webster, T. J. Simmons, R. H. Baker, Charles Garner, Dr. C. Asbury, H. A. Grant, T. A. J. West, John W. Saunders, Milo S. Jones, Benj. Morgan, G. G. Skinner, J. W. Jeffries, S. P. West, J. M. Morris, D. F. Caliman. Total $21.50.

On motion by G. C. Sampson that the old officers be re-elected viz. I. B. Till Vice President; C. H. Brown Secretary, and Benj. Wheeler Treasurer, The motion prevailed.

The Bishop stated that notwithstanding that the society had voted last year, not to pay any prizes any more. He wanted the prizes paid and if the society would not do it he would pay them himself. In view of the statement of the Bishop Rev. G. C. Sampson moved that we pay the prizes now and hereafter. Carried.

The society stood adjourned until the judges were ready to make their report.

Uniontown, Pa., October 17, 1893.

At the morning session after the devotional exercises, the judges on the prize essays made their report. Awarding the first prize to Rev. D. F. Caliman, second to H. A. Grant, and third to W. H. Palmer, M. D. (See Report.)

Rev. B. Wheeler, Treasurer, paid D. F. Caliman $10.00, H. A. Grant, $5.00, and Dr. W. H. Palmer, $2.50, making a total of $17.50, paid in prizes.

The minutes were read, and on motion were adopted as corrected. The Bishop stated that one of the original objects of the society was not only to give prizes but also to assist in the education of young men for the ministry. At this juncture Rev. G. T. Reynolds, of the Pittsburg Conference of the M. E. church was introduced to the Bishop and invited to a seat within the bar.

On motion by Richard Tanner that so much of the minutes of last year as referred to the change of the annual dues of $1.00 to 50c be rescinded, and that instead of paying 50c we pay $1.00 annually, which precipitated considerable discussion by the following brethern: W. H. Palmer, R. Tanner, G. C. Sampson, W. S. Lowry and D. S. Bentley. The Bishop called for a vote, by hands, two voted in the affirmative and all the balance of the society voted in the negative. Therefore, the motion was lost, and the dues remain at 50c. There being no further business the society stood adjourned.

Ishmael B. Till, Vice Pres.
C. H. Brown, Sec.
Uniontown Pa., October 17, 1893.

We the judges on prize essay contest to whom was referred the decision as to the real merits of papers on the symposium "What is God doing to evangelize, civilize and Christianize the world especially the dark continent of Africa." The contestants are D. F. Caliman, H. A. Grant, W. H. Palmer and W. N. Young. We have examined said papers according to the usual method as prescribed by the Bishop and render the following findings as our decision percentum: D. F. Caliman 90 per cent; H. A. Grant 75 per cent; W. H. Palmer

70 per cent; W. N. Young, 60 per cent. We therefore award the first prize to D. F. Caliman, second to H. A. Grant, third to W. H. Palmer.

Henry T. Johnson,
John W. Riley,
R. H. Morris,
} Judges.

REPORTS.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURG PRESIDING ELDER DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and members of the twenty-sixth annual session of the Pittsburg conference, Greeting:

Dear Father and Brethern, through the vicissitudes of another year, under the kind protection of an All-wise Providence, we are permitted to come before you with another annual report, from which, we trust, you will receive some additional information with regard to the condition of the work in the Pittsburg District.

The year has been one of continual travel and untiring labor for Christ and his church. The past winter, which lasted quite four months, was the most severe one witnessed in this state for twenty years. However, we filled all our appointments during those long, cold months with thankfulness to God for health and strength to do his service. Just how much good has been accomplished, we cannot tell now. Approximating, as we do, the fact that sowing always precedes reaping, we are therefore encouraged to look with interest for a future harvest that shall gladden our hearts.

Out of a winter made memorable to us all for its length and severety, we were confronted with continued rain through the spring season and being ushered into summer draught, which lasted in some sections of our work from June until the latter part of August, of course, with those providential visititations, which we feel sure are for our greatest good, the record of our District, in some respects may now show up as brilliantly as in years gone by.

To speak of the financial pressure, which prevailed in every avenue of business life, is but referring to a subject about which we all have some knowledge, especially some of the pastors in our district. But with this lamentable condition of affairs, there are some visible evi-ible evidences of success.

The ministers have gone forth with undaunted courage and brave heroism and, with one single exception, they have remained at their posts with zeal undiminished contending for the Faith delivered unto the Saints warring against the power of darkness until called to report here. In the meantime, members of churches and people of the district retain in a general way an appreciation for the Gospel of Christ and the intelligent, earnest and useful Pastor lives of the people and with the people. To particularize would consume more time than is

allotted for this report. yet some points deserve special mentioning among which. the church at Scranton comes first. The largest ingathering of souls in any one society this year has been realized there.

The membership has more than doubled; the Sunday School increased from thirty (30) to quite one hundred (100) scholars, and a much higher religious sentiment amoung our people awakened through out that fast-growing City. Rev. Chas. A. McGee, who has been, as we believe, the agent in the hand of God in bringing about these results, deserves the highest credit for his sound, simple and commonsense Bible teachings and dignified bearing among all classes of citizens in that community.

Bethel Church at Williamsport is rapidly rid of a debt of but a few years standing. Four hundred ($400.00) Dollars have been paid this year. Rev. Richard Tanner, the Pastor, has succeeded creditably in this undertaking.

St James' Church, in East Pittsburg, has paid on the debt this year ($8.00.),leaving a balance of ($1.000.) which has been provided for. Elder G. C. Sampson, the Pastor, to whose management this achievment is largely due, has the sympathy and best whishes of the good Church.

Wylie Ave. Church has, in addition to paying balance on organ and furnace, has put on a new roof, which was much needed. Rev. Cornelius Asbury,D. D., the Pastor, has continued throughout the year in his usual vigor and we trust much good has been accomplished through his efforts so earnestly put forth.

Now, what is true of the Ministers and charges already mentioned, is true of all the other Ministers and churches throughout the district, in proportion to the ability of the Pastors and strength of the societies.

Our District Conference, held at Wilkesbarre in the month of May, was a grand and glorious success. Several valuable papers on subjects of practical importance were read. The discussions on different phases of Church work were thoughtful and pointed. The sermon preached on the occasion made lasting impressions of truth upon the hearts of the people and, as a result, to persons professing faith in Christ united with the Church on the last day of the Conference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

This department of our work was never more hopeful than now. There are daily evidences of a growing intelligence among Sunday school teachers and scholars in the knowledge of what God would have them do to be saved. The Sunday school convention was never attended with greater interest and profit than this year. The organization took new form and will hereafter be known as the Sunday School Institute of the Pittsburg District. It formed a basis of permanent membership and hereafter, in addition to the consideration of various methods of Sunday school work, higher instruction in the Holy scriptures in the form of lectures, will be carefully and continually sought, also.

NEW WORK, MISSIONS, ETC.

Something has been done by way of extending the church. Burgettstown and Frankford Springs organized into a mission with a Sunday school at each place. Bro. Charles H. Arnold, a local preacher

from the Braddock Circuit, has been employed there since March, '93. A mission at West Pittston has been organized with a membership of 9 persons and a Sunday School also. These societies thus named h old their meetings in rented buildings and, therefore, can only be supplied by such local preachers as are available.

Our most ardent desire has been realized in Jersey Shore. A lot 50x170 feet has been bought, and a neat little church built at a cost o. $900, all of which has been raised and paid.

Rev. H. A. Grant, who has succeeded grandly in the Phillipsburg Circuit, has purchased a lot at Curwensville, on which $1,000 has been paid.

At Homestead a good substantial church with a basement has been built at a cost of $2,498.00, on which $898.00 has been paid, leaving a balance of $1,600, $800 of which is covered by subscription. The chapel has a seating capacity of 300, and reflects great credit upon the people of Homestead. Rev. H. G. Thomas, the pastor, who has labored arduously and faithfully, may congratulate himself upon having accomplished such a grand and noble work for the Master this year under difficulties which have taxed both brain and muscle.

The demand for a strong ministry continues to grow as the years come and go. Mentally strong, because a deeper, broader and ever-growing intellect is to be met in a masterly way if the church succeeds. Strong morally, because the tendency of the age is to evil. The drink habit, the theater and the dance, together with a greedy ambition for unjust gain, seem to keep apace with the advancement of the church. However, falsehood will never trumph if truth is left free to combat it. Strong spiritually, in order to prevent cold and formal worship in the church which does not reach the soul that's dying nor meet with the sanction of God.

A word more, and I shall have done. Mindful, as I am, of the fact that whatever good has been accomplished under the present system within the last three years is largely due to the support you ministers have given the office I hold, for which you will ever have my heart-felt thanks, my prayer to God is that you continue faithful until on the Golden Strand we shall join in the sweet refrain "Hallelujah 'tis done," and when the future historian shall write in glowing language the history of the Pittsburg conference, may your names be found in letters of gold and your good works transmitted to the generation following after you. D. S. Bentley, P. E.

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORT OF THE ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

New Brighton Pa., October 8, 1893.

To the Bishop and Conference:

In making this my Third Annual report, we have great cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for his care over us and our work during this year, and other years that have passed. We are pleased to record that no deaths have occured during this year in the Allegheny District, and all of my Ministers have lived an examplary

life always having the glory of God before them. No difficulties have arose between pastors and people, every man has stood to his post of duty which was assigned him at the last annual conference which was held in Oil City. Every man comes up to this conferenee making a good report as you are all aware. We are in a district of manufactures, and business has been so prostrated by the unsettled condition of the Tariff Question, that the wheels of industry have come to a stand still. Therefore many of our people have been thrown out of employment, and to a great extent crippled our financial work. Our preachers will not make as good a report this year as they have in former years, indeed it should not be expected. According to the times the best report that ever has been made will be made this year by the Ministers of the Allegheny District. If any have not come up to the former standard it is not because of any lack on the part of the pastors, but on the account of the hard times and scarcity of money in our communities, how ever some of the grandest work has been accomplished this year. Bishop Payne's Episcopal District Women's Missionary meeting held in Columbus Ohio, on July third to July fifth has awakened new life among our leading women. We are looking for the influence of these meetings to yield a rich reward for the foreign work.

CHURCHES.

Browns Chapel Allegheny city, Rev. I. N. Ross pastor—This old and historical station is now free from debt. An old chronic debt incured over twenty-seven years, has been all paid off, under the leader hip of that able and loving pastor Rev. I. N. Ross. The people ask it as a special favor at your hands, Rev. Bishop, of his return in order that they may do some special work in the way of repairing their church.

Chartiers St., Allegheny City, Rev. D. F. Caliman, pastor—This church has done a wonderful work in the past two years under their beloved pastor. The work that has been done in this church under Rev. D. F. Caliman is more like a miracle, than any thing else. The people are as much surprised as I am. Two years more of the same kind of work with Rev. Caliman, the church will be free from debt. Notwithstanding the hard times and scarcity of money the report of Rev. Caliman exceeds that wonderful report of last year. A revival of religon has been enjoyed on this charge, with a large acquisition. God be praised.

South Side Pittsburg, Rev. R. Brown pastor—This little society has a hard time, they are but a few poor women and a very few men in the church. The colored people of money and influence pay no attention to this society, seldom ever attend church, the percentage of colored people that attend church on the South Side are very low, and if it were not for the "Avery Fund", helping this society no doubt it would be abandoned. The trustees of Wylie St. A. M. E. church having the "Avery Fund" in charge for the support of the Gospel, among the colored people of Pittsburg and Allegheny city. These wide awake and good men with Rev. C. Asbury as their leader and pastor, too much credit can not be given to these men for the faithful performance of their duty and trust.

Elizabeth Circuit, Rev. Benj. Wheeler pastor—This church both East and West Elizabeth are of a very high standard. No place has suffered like this in the last year on account of depression in business out of fifteen months they have only made four working months, yet a good report has been made by the pastor.

West Newton Circuit, Rev. C. H. Brown pastor—This charge has two points, West Newton and McKeesport. Rev. Brown has done the best he could. Since the paper mill works have been removed from West Newton many of our people have left also, to a great extent looking for employment, consequently our church has weakened, so we are very weak on this circuit; Rev. C. H. Brown has done well.

Monongahela City, Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D., pastor—This church is in a bad financial cond tion, I can see no way for it to get out unless some unforseen providence comes to our relief. Rev. W. H. Palmer M. D. has worked hard, and if he had not a good practice of Medicine, he could not have lived. We commend this church to the Bishop and conference.

Brownsville, Rev. G. W. Webster pastor—Brother Webster has worked well and paid off the debt except to about Seventy Dollars. Too much credit can not be given this earnest worker, Rev. G. W. Webster.

New Brighton, Rev. A. E. Waldon pastor—This church is in a very good condition and out of debt, it takes pride in supporting their ministers and pride in her loyalty to government and law. Rev. Waldon has acquited himself well, in good order in the last three years and brings up a very good report considering the hard times.

Bridgewater Circuit Rev. J. M. Morris, pastor—This charge consists of Bridgewater and Sewickley. Our membership does not seem to grow very fast on this charge but they have been able to hold their own and pay their pastor over Five Hundred Dollars. Rev. Morris has did his duty and made some improvements on his church at Bridgewater and reduced the debt on the church at Sewickley. We say well done.

Erie Mission, Rev. S. P. West pastor—This church has undergone a severe seige by the great flood in Erie, June 1893, the church was damaged by the flood to the amount of several Hundred Dollars but it was all for the best. The good people of Erie, with Ministers of the various denominations rallied to our relief, paid all the damages and made the building a better dwelling than it was before the flood came, so on the whole it was a blessing for the church. Rev. West has worked hard and faithful for his people and he has the confidence and respect of all classes, but needs to study Methodism and Episcopal authority.

Meadville Station, Rev. J. W. Jeffries pastor—We are pleased to report to this honorable body that this church is up to the old standard under the leadership of Rev. Jeffries. The debts are paid off, and membership doubled in the last year. Rev. Jeffries will show what has been done. This year the church has been repaired and put in good order. Well done, good and faithful young man.

Oil City Circuit. Rev. W. S. Lowry pastor.—This church is noted for its missionary spirit, and is the leading church in the Pittsburgh

Conference for missionary work. At every service a missionary collection is lifted the year around. I would especially invite the pastors to examine this method of collection money. Over one hundred dollars has been collected this year in this way. Rev. Lowry has done a good work, and has set up a high standard on this Circuit; Titusville and Oil City. In general the people are of a high moral character.

Duquesne Mission, Rev. M. S. Jones pastor.—This is a new work, at least two of the points; Duquesne and Charleroi. Pleasant Green is an old point. We have purchased a lot at Duquesne, at a cost of about Four Hundred dollars; an other at Charleroi, at a cost of about Five Hundred Dollars. This is a new mission work. We are laying the foundation for African Methodism in these new towns along the Monongahela river. We have but a few of our people of our faith in these new towns, but we expect to establish our church wherever we can, and make it inviting for our people, and set up the banner of the Blessed Cross wherever we can in our work.

Bellevue is a little mission near Allegheny City. We put in charge of this little mission an Exhorter from Brown Chapel, by the name of Julius Page, who has given general satisfaction. These people have collected quite a little sum, for the erection of a chapel.

Uniontown, Rev. C. Wright pastor.—Brethren you are here in this, beautiful chapel, which has been erected by Rev. C. Wright, the pastor. He has done a good work. We are under a heavy debt, and the man that is so fortunate as to pay off the debt against this chapel will do a greater work than the builder. We are about $5,570 in debt. We would call the special attention of the Bishop and Presiding Elders to this church.

Franklin, Rev. R. M. Henderson, pastor.—This is a small mission. We have a very nice church; all paid for, also a parsonage with five rooms. Debt on this parsonage is about $400 00. I desire to state that the financial report of this church did not appear in the minutes of last year, which made them feel somewhat slighted. I confess it was neglect on the part of the Presiding Elder. They made a good financial report. All of which we respectfully submit for your kind consideration.

W. H. Brown, P. E.

Read and approved this 14th day of October, 1893, at Uniontown, Pa., before the Pittsburg Annual Conference.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF THE WHEELING DISTRICT.

Uniontown, Pa., October 12, 1893.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We submit this, our first annual report of the Wheeling District. This year has been one of great interest in revival work: an unprecedent numbers of precious souls in the field have been gathered this year, into the Lord's vineyard, and yet we regret much to say, that on account of the dulness as demonstrated in the financial world, our money report in the District will hardly reach our prayerful anticipations, though we can assuredly say to the conference that every ministerial agent of the church that is now employed in the District have

which we respectfuly submit for your kind consideration. No recommendations for Allegheny District.

W. H. Brown, P. E.,
D. S Bentley, P. E.,
J. W. Riley, P. E.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We your committee to whom the subject of Education has been assigned.

We submit to your Ecclesiastical Body the following ; to wit : The subject of education has long since been a National, as well as a local issue. All civilized nations of the Globe have discussed this all important subject, as well as some of the Pagan Nations. Education underlies the foundation of all civilization. It is an Art. An art drawing out and developing the faculties of the human intellect. Art, that indispensable medium, through which character is moulded, and habits formed. Education and the Christian Religion are very closely allied to each other. They form the great system—Moral Ethice of which has been simplified and systematized in such an acceptable way. The system is incorporated in our text books, and daily taught in the public schools, seminaries, universities and colleges. We have enrolled 365 Universities, with 69,728 students. There are 11,169,923 scholars in the public schools, at a cost of $110,000,000. In the year 1885, 4,923,431 adults could not read or write ; 6,239,958 could read, but unable to write. 45 per cent of this number of illiteracy where white. and 70 per cent were colored. In Southern states, viz: South Carolina, Lousiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia this may account for those numerous riots, mobs and inhuman murders inflicted upon those poor innocent and harmless colored people of the "Sunny South," whose blood has repeatedly been shed by those ignorant and illiterate Pagans, who neither fear God or regard man. The only remedy is a Christian Education. First ; enlighten the mind and heart ; Secondly, moral suasion, accompanied by an appeal to the conscience ; beseeching those vile persecutors to desist from their pernicious acts of violence. If this country can boast of her power and civilization ; she must necessarilly feel proud of her Christian Education, and her 11,239,651 pupils and students, with an addition of 160,137 pupils from private schools, making a grand total of pupils and students enrolled 11,399,798 ; turned loose, knowing and possessing the cardinal principles of life ; to teach, train and discipline 60, 000,000 souls in the highest arts of civilization. Therefore among the millions of educated Ladies and Gentlemen in this country, hundreds of them carry diplomas from colored high schools, seminaries, colleges and universities. Our beloved Wilberforce University has long since enrolled her name among those great intellectual lighthouses of the world. viz : Harvard, Yale, Oberlin, Ann Arber and Princeton. Annually thousands of citizens, in the month of June, on that beautiful lawn, attend her commencement exercises, and witness a large number of students receiving their diplomas from the hands of the illustrous professors and president, S. S. Mitchell, A. M., Ph. D. May not the race proud of her record. Thirty years ago, with the index finger we

could point towards but one college or university, owned, controlled and governed by colored men in this country. 1893, with the same index finger, twenty odd seminaries, colleges and universities can be pointed out. These are well regulated and chartered institutions, with a seating capacity for hundreds of students. At the recent and last commencement of Wilberforce college conferred LL. D. Governor McKinley, of Ohio, and Hon. Frederick Douglass, of Washington, D. C. All honor to Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., the Sr. Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, for founding Wilberforce University in the year 1863, for the better and higher training of the colored students in the arts and sciences. Said Wilberforce University was the first chartered institution known in these United States for colored children, but not exclusively from all others. Bishop Payne, the well known Educator, advanced the first money for the purchase of said institution, of which to-day the race is proud of its record.

J. M. Morris,
S. C. Honesty,
H. G. Thomas,
A. E. Waldon.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Uniontown, Pa., October 12, 1893.

We your Committee on issions are pleased to submit for your prayerful consideration the following thoughts and resolutions:

The spirit of missions is the spirit of christianity. No calling can be greater ; no profession can bring man so near to God. As a messenger of His message and mission to the world of mankind. We should therefore enlargen the place of your tent, and let thy habitation reach to the ends of the earth. For they only are rich, who richly give, and they who give shall not appear before the Lord empty. The purpose and word of the missionary is too well known to need be recited by your committee. Notwithstanding the fact, our society is only in the period of seed sowing, yet we see them bringing in the sheaves of harvest. We rejoice in reporting an ever growing interest in this church in general, and the christian world is striving as never before to carry out the injunction of the Master : "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Vast as the work may be, and uninviting as the prospect may appear, yet ever wider and widening, must be the work of the missionary of Christ's kingdom. It must be extended until all the kingdoms of the earth shall bow to the mild scepter of the King of Glory. Large he rated and vast were the views which Christ presented of His mission to man. They extend through time until they each the remotest line, where time sinks into eternity. The new proposal of the Master to his disiples was "To pass over unto the other side." This message was from the Lord Jesus Himself, and it has a vastness of which eternity is the range. These holy words come down to us ; sounding down through the ages. Hear the echo in this, the nine-teenth century, calling us to go over to the other side, and there amongst the tombs of darkness and superstition we will find the Gaderean heathen, filled with diabolical delusion, of the basest nature ; wild and animalized savages. They know not God, and you

my brethren, like the disiples, may not have dreamed of such storm as you may encounter in this work, but be mindful of the fact, it is the Lord of heaven, who proposes the journey, and it will be a safe and prosperous voyage if you keep the Master in the ship. Brethren, the outlook is hopeful, and we rejoice in the fact that our church is doing something to restore the Nineteenth Century Gadereans. Bishop H. M. Turner, has greatly encouraged the work in Africa; with his visit and labor: and cheering words of love to the heathens of our far off fatherland. God bless the Bishop, and the laborers.

Notwithstanding all that has been done, there is much room for improvement. We have read with interest, the letter and corroponde nce of Rev. John Richard Frederick, Sierra Leone, West Africa, and are very pleased to know that our missionary efforts, as church and conference, are so highly appreciated by him, as he states: "That had it not been for the efforts of the Third Episcopal District they would have been compelled to cease the work." We are, however, very sorry to learn, through the letter from our missionary, that the missionary department is not doing what they ought for his support in the noble work. We, however, trus. that all difficulties that are impeding the progress of our missionaries will be removed,

Christian giving. It is to spasmodic, rather than systematic. If some one poor missionary stirs our heart, we for the present may give liberally, but, what we need, is systematical giving, and this is opposed to spasmodic efforts. It calls for order, and method. As a conference let us urge our people to give at least one cent a week for the cause of missions, and five cents at our monthly meetings. Do this aside from our Easter rally, and our church missionary will realize the handsome sum of $500.00 annually. And with this amount we can send missionaries to every quarter of the Dark Continent of Africa.

Brethren and members of Christ's church, we are under a great obligation to God and the heathen world. Think not that the A. M. E. church can escape the obligation to carry the Gospel Light to the heathen! Our prayer is that the interest of the A. M. E. church, in the cause of missions, may increase with her devolpment and strength. And we, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The lady members of our church have not reserved the support and encouragement to which their labors are entitled. They having raised Hundreds and Thousands of Dollars, in aid of our missionary work. The hearts of our missionaries, in the Islands of the Sea, and the Continent of Africe have been re-invigorated, and the tear moistened cheek dried by there efforts. We here speak out for real organized effort on the part of the faithful women of the church. We appeal to the Bishop and ministers of this conefrence to support and encourage the efforts of our ladies, who merit our generous and unremitting sanction and attention. Let us give our ladies a real work in the church. I am satisfied they are anxiously awaiting an opportunity, whereby they may place thousands of dollars into the coffers of our missionary department. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Pittsburg Annual Conference, cause to be held a

Woman's Annual Missionary Conference, in each P. E. District, and at the time and place of the Sabbath School Convention.

Resolved, further, that each pastor see too, and have two or more ladies appointed to take up a penny collection after every public preaching service; said moneys to go into the treaury of the Mite Missionary Society.

Recolved, that a lady be appointed, in the three Episcopal Districts with authority to publish, semi-annually, a magazine called "Woman's Light and Love to Heathen Africa."

Resolved, that we appoint a lady in each P. E. District as a Conference Secretary, to whom all the missionary societies shall corrospond, and report quarterly; and it shall further be the duty of this Missionary Secretary, to report at the Annual Conference, the work, progress and interest of the association. All of which we submit to your prayerful consideration.

Rev. W. S. Lowry,
" G. C. Sampson,
" W. N. Young.

BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Bishop and members of the Twenty-sixth Session of the Pittsburg annual conference of Bethel A. M. E. church convened in Uniontown. We your committee on Bible Cause beg leave to submit the following report for this fiscal year. 534 years preceeding the incarnation, incourageing words of prophecy interpreted by the angel comes down to the church, many shall run to and fro, hither and thither like couriers in the time of war and knowledge shall be increased. (Dan, XII; 4th.)

This shall be a universal increase of knowledge of the most important kind: The knowledge of Gods plan of salvation. Those who are wise themself shall turn many to righteousness. (Christ) From darkness to light. Those who are thus active to teach the knowledge of Jesus Christ, wether at home or in Foreign lands, shall shine in the firmiment and spendor of Divine approbations, as the stars for ever and ever. This should be a stimulus to missionary zeal and ministerial activity for the knowledge of Gods righteousness which he has provided by faith in Christ his son, for Christ is the end of the love for righeousness to every one that belive. (See Rom. X. 2-4th.)

Therefore what ever may be the labours and trials of those on earth te increae this knowledge: great shall be there reward in heaven.

These things the angels disire to look into viz.

The plan of salvation of which salvation prophets have inquired and searched diligently who prophesied, scarching what or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ, which was in them, did signify, when it testified beforehand the suffering of Christ, and the glory that was to follow: 1 Peter 1:10-12. To the prophets to whom was revealed the sufferings of the Son of God, and the glory that should follow the crucial ignominy, were amazed that they were not to occur in their time, but in a future age—the latter days; the time of the establishing of "Messian's Kingdom." For it shall come to pass in the last days, (or dispensation), that 'the Mountain of the Lord's House'

labored earnestly, sacrificing all things, for the Master's cause, working hard for every result.

The vote in the District in favor of Organic Union of the African and Zion Methodist Episcopal churches carried.

Our District Conference convened in the Cannonsburg church on May 17th, 1893, and we have reason to believe that an advance step was taken (at this session) by the brethren respecting the West Virginia Mission Field.

A subscription of $80. was subscribed by the conference members and friends of the Canonsburg church to be expended in aid of our mission work in West Virginia.

Also a prayerful petition was prepared and a committee appointed in the person of P. A. Scott, of Wheeling, W. Va., to present said petition to the annual session in behalf of the work. Brethren, the right of petition as a constitutional claim shall not be denied, so we earnestly solicit the conference to bear with our appeal and give it at least a careful consideration, after you shall have heard its contents read.

Our Sunday School convention assembled with the Waynesburg church on August 8, 1893. To our acknowledgement it was a season of grace and glory; we never experienced such a time before in life an we did in grappling with the subjects prescribed by the Executive Committee, until we began to think that it was a glorious thing that Bishop Payne decided that each district should have its own Sunday School convention. So a better decision could not be rendered in favor of the work. It caused a rally in church and Sunday school circles that had never visited our people there before to our knowledge. Such church renovation; such beautiful exterior by painting: such elegant interior by papering, frescoing and carpeting, until one was lost in the parlorish aspect of beauty as it presented itself and caught our vision on entering the door; we could but say in our wonderment, God bless the pastor and people.

Wheeling church—This church, at the beginning of the present conference year, was laboring under much embarrasment by reason of debt-pressure, but by the energetic pastoral work of Brother Price A. Scott he has succeeded in restoring confidence and reducing the general debt to $1,000, paying $367.28 on principal and interest. His membership at the beginning of the year was 17, the present number 37,—an increase of 20 members over last year.

Canonsburg church—This church does not need much mention by us, as its history is known to be the best. The pastor is a great worker, an elegant preacher and a splendid singer, and has under his training an eminent choir. His financial success has been simply marvelous, when we have thought of his illness during the year.

Washington church—This church was visited by a great revival last winter, under the faithful pastoral care of Rev. R. H. Morris, in which over 175 were converted, and the financial report of this year will excell any previous year to my knowledge.

West Middletown Circuit—This Circuit is composed of two churches, under the efficient control and labors of Rev. Alexander Smoth-

ers. Everything is moving on well to success.

Phillipi—This is a very rough Mission field of labor. Bro. L. A. Barbour is the pastor.

Clarksburg church—This church is striving under the pastoral management of Bro. Wm. H. Pride, to build a new church, but owing to circumstances over which he has no control, panic, drought and unemployment of his people, he has done fairly well in moving the old church building back on the lot and starting up the foundation.

Weston church—This church has only been organized a few months. Sister Martha J. Bell, an Evangelist, of Columbus, O., visited Weston, and opened up a meeting in the rink on or about August 12, which resulted in the conversion of over 40 persons, out of which Rev. W. H. Pride organized an A. M. E. church. The Sister went on and raised money, paying $100. down on a lot that cost $500. She bought in size two lots in one. She has donated $100 worth of material to build with, and by this time she has the foundation and frame of the building up. Too much cannot be said in favor of this Christian worker.

Morgantown church—This church, of a small and earnest membership, trustworthy as African Methodists, true and faithful to the cause of the Master—we feel that we have no language in which to express the deep concern of our affection for these dear people.

Parkersburg church—This church is much involved, something over $2.000, and would have been sold prior to this session of the conference but for the timely aid we received from the Church Extension Society, which stopped the sale for the present. It will require many sacrifices to save the elegant building to our connection, yet we still affirm that it must be saved on account of the discourageing influence it would exert on the field of labor. To lose the building would entail serious misconfidence upon the ability of our success as a connection. In West Virginia we cannot afford to lose, but all to save.

The prospects of a church at Charleston, W. Va.—This most beautiful capital city of West Virginia, to our mind, can only be successfully operated by the employment of an Evangelist, with money to start up an effort similar as was done at Weston. There is an abundance of room for our church in this flourishing city; all we need to establish our church in this part of the work is to take Christ, send an appropriation from the conference to aid, and the work will go on.

Boone Mission—This far-off field of labor from the seat of the conference, consists of several preaching places, Madison, Wyoming, Haleigh and Logan. We have a church-building at Madison, built during Elder McGee's term of administration, and arrangements are now being made to build one at Wyoming. Many new towns are springing up in West Virginia. Capitalists have turned their attention to the development of the mineral wealth of this state. New towns along new railroads, at which many of our people are settling without schools or churches, so that now is a chance for us to take the field if the conference would consider to start in such towns as Elkins, Beverly, Sutten and Camden, and the way to start is to give us an appropriation of importance.

JOHN W. RILEY, P. E.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Bishop and Conference:—We your committee on temperance beg leave to submit the following report

"The one great fronting sin of our time is intemperance, destroying more lives and souls and homes than all others combined, gambling and prosti tution are its allies. It paves the way for them both, and nourishes them from first to last. This great sin ought to be met by the church and ministry with an attack equal to its tremendousness."

With the present $1,200,000,000 annual consumption of intoxicants, with the $50,000,000 annual increase, with the influx of foreigners, and with the increased toleration of liquor drinking among church members, this nation is as sure to go down the stream of drunkenness to ruin as the sun of successive days to rise and set, unless the evil be checked effectively and exceeding soon.

In the last report of the commissioners, the number of retail liquor dealers in the different states is given, showing an aggregate of 215,434 in the United States, (which is 138,204 more saloon keepers than ministers of the Gospel, and 123,267 more saloons, than churches in the United States.) An average of one to every 290 inhabitants.

In respect to crime as Mr. Justice Fitzgerald has stated, that drunkenness is a crime which we might well say leads to nineteen twentieths of the crimes of this country. Mr. Mulhall, a high authority, says that 48 percent, of the idiocy arrises from the drunkenness of parents, and that one-third of all insanity is the effect of drink. Sir James Hannen says that 75 out of every 100 divorce cases are brought about by drink, 60,000 annually are going down to a drunkards grave, and to a drunkards hell. We believe that it is the duty of the church to use the force of its influence legislatively and non-legislatively, Ought not an enemy of God, home and native land he fought from every conceivable stand point?

Daniel Webster once said, "If I thought there was a stain on the remotest hem of the garment of any country, I would use my utmost labor to wipe it off." The evil of rum is something more than a stain on the remotest hem of the garment of our country—it has diffused its infection into the evry heart and life of our physical, social and religious being, and as Mr. Gladstane said, "has inflicted greater calamities than the three great historical scourges—war, famine, and pestilence—combined." With these facts, therefore, confronting us, is there any.room for compromising and catering with this greatest enemy of enemies?

We suggest the following methods to be practically and persistently applied.

1: The diffussion of education, that tends to disclose the nature and evils of intoxicants.

2: The organization and encouragement of Bands of Hope. Cardinal Wiseman once said, "Give us the children, and in twenty years the nation will be Catholic." Temperance advocates may say: Give us the children, and in twenty years this nation will be teeming with a

prolific temperance sentiment, making it almost impossible for the drink trafic to survive.

3: The maintenance and increased activity of temperance societies. That great and good man, Lord Shalterburg once said. "As I go up and down through the length and breadth of England, I am more and more convinced of the indispensable necessity for these associations. I am satisfied that, unless they existed, we should be immersed in such ocean of immorality, violence, and sin as would make this country uninhabitable." Wnat is true of England is also true of America.

4: Practical prayer, and a general persistent agitation, both by preaching and lecturing against temperance in all phases.

There is another phase of intemperance, which should not escape our notice, and should receive our disapproval—that tobacco habit.—This, to say the least, is a filthy, needless, injurious habit, involving unnecessary expense upon the consumer, and especially is it unbecoming, beneath the dignity, and derogatory to a consecrated christian minister. Therefore be in resolved, that we as christian ministers, will pledge ourselves anew to the temperance cause, and do all in our power to suppress intemperance in all of its bearings.

I. N. Ross, S. Christian, R. Brown, } Committee.
C. Wright, D. F. Caliman, }

Resolved, that we regard the temperance reform as a practical, social and moral question, effecting directly the interests of the church and the salvation of souls. Recognizing the spirit of God in this movement at the present time, (Gospel temperance) we urge our churches and Sunday schools to give all diligence to its promotion.

Henry A. Grant,
Charles A. McGee,
Robert M. Henderson.

STATIONS AND CIRCUITS.

To the Bishop and conference:

We you committee on stations, circuits and missions beg leave to make the following. We have had the matter of stations circuits and missions under consideration for several days and after prayerful consideration we make the following recomendations:

1: Pittsburg District that Lock Haven be detached from Bellefont, and Bellefont be made a station with Buffalo Run, attached.

2: Lock Haven and Jersey those be made a circuit.

3: That Mount Pleasant be attached to New Haven.

4: That West Pittson be made a mission and suppied by local preachers from Wilkesbarre station.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

1: That Burgetstown and Frankfort Springs be made a mission and taken from Pittsburg District and asigned to the Wheeling District.

2: That Blacksville and Jolleytown be known as the Blacksville Circuit.

3: That Beverley W. Va., be taken up and made a mission. All of

shall be established in the top of the mountain, and shall be extolled above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it; and many people shall go, and say, "Let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord, to the House of God of Jacob: He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem; Isiah II: 2-3; Macah IV: 1-11.

On these passages, we may remark, the gradual development of gospel truths, during a long succession of inspired writers. The obscurity which attended these prophecies, from there being clothed in figurative languages, and typical illusions, gradually diminish as the predicted event approached. Thus one circumstance after another was disclosed, until the whole person and character of the Redeemer was revealed. So with knowledge of "The Word, It shall cover the whole earth, as the waters cover the face of the sea."

A great work is being done by the American Bible Society, in translating and disseminating the word of God. Good results have followed its circulation among the poor, the lowly, and the distressed. This society, not one hundred years old. Only eighty-nine years has expired since its organization. It has its work laid out for centuries yet to come, at the rate of four million (4,000,000) copies per annum.

For eighteen centuries only 50 languages have known the revealed truths of christianity, but now: the nineteenth century adds to the list 250 more, so we have the bible now printed in three hundred different tongues; fifty-five of which are in the African dialect, and fifty in India. Hence the momentous question: "What is God doing to evangelize; to christianity and civilize the world?" We answer: He is calling men and women; educating their heads, and inspiring their hearts, and sending them forth with a translated bible in their hands.

"There is one body, one spirit, one faith, one baptism."

He gave some apostles. some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors, and some teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come into the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God; Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the statue of the fullness of Christ; Eph. IV:9-13.

Never was such a golden age as the present. Never have so many souls been won for Christ. Never have so many bibles gone into the hands of the people..

Dr. Morrow says; "last year 10,000,000 copies of the bible were distributed. This is more than the combined circulation of the work of 200 of the most popular authors of today. The word of God leeds them all, and is triumphant; as it never was before. It has gone into hospitals and prisons, and has been the means of spreading the light of truth into the dark continent of Africa.

As a means of spreading the gospel, the Christian Endeavor is performing no little part. In almost every community of the United States, and in many foreign countries, the Christian Endeavor is found. Its constitution is printed in 11 different languages, and its membership is increasing at the rate of 1,000 per day.

A great work of years has just been completed by Rev. Benjamin Lobrree, an American missionary, in the translation and revission of the Syric scriptures. The principal design of this revision was to refute the erroneous idea of nestoriamism, which not only endangered but contradicted the Divinity of Jesus Christ. So after a labor of six years, the new Syric bible is ready for circulation, by the American Bible Society.

Be it *Resolved*, that we, the pastors of the Pittsburg Conference, preach a special sermon once a year, and lift a collection for the bible cause.

We, the Committee, pray for the furtherance of the Word in all languages. We subscribe our names:

ISMAEL B. TILL, President,
ALEXANDER SMOTHERS, Sec'y,
JOSHUA J. NORRIS.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SABBATH, OCTOBER 15, 1893.

A. M. E. Church, Uniontown, 10:30 a. m., preaching by Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., L. L. D., followed by ordination of Deacons and Elders; 3 p. m., Mite Missionary Society; 7:30 p. m., Temperance Meeting. M. E. Church, 10:30 a. m., Rev. C. Asbury; 7:30 p. m., Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D. A M.E. Zion Church, 10:30 a. m., Rev. I. N. Ross; 7:30 p. m., Price Scott. New Haven A. M. E. Church, H. G. Thomas. Brownsville, W. N. Young.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:

We your committee on Sunday School beg leave to submit the following report:—It is with pleasure that our minds run over the grand army of the Sunday school, with her hosts of children, and glorious array of officers and teachers. The importance of this army is being seen every year. And where churches were formerly built only for adults, with no thought for the children (the little lambs of the flock), there is now a Sunday school-room attached especially for them. The time has come when the church has ceased to depend altogether upon cutting down the large trees of the forest to supply her with timber to carry on her work, but she is planting her nurseries and tending them carefully, and transplanting them into the broad fields of the church; that they might grow and flourish, as "Trees of righteousness; the planting of the Lord." The Sunday school work, in the bounds of our conference, is in a prosperous condition. The three Sunday schools conventions, held within the bounds of the conference, were very successful and interesting, and showed increased interest in the Sunday school work, that aruged well for the future of the schools.

The Twelfth Annual Statement of the Cor. Sec'y and Treas. of the Sunday School Union was carefully considered, and while the business of the Union showed considerable success, yet, owing to the financial depression of the country, and the failure of nine Banks in Nashville, Tenn., $3,000 was locked up, bringing upon the S. S. Union a financial crisis, and he appeals to us for assistance.—asking

for a donation, from each Sunday school, the sum of $2.50. Also requesting a "Donation" from the conference. We have 64 Sunday schools in the bounds of our conference, which at $2.50 each would make $160.00. We therefore recommend that the Sunday schools be requested to donate the sum of $2.50 to the Sunday School Union, against the 1st of November. And we further recommend, that the conference make a special donation to the S. S. Union, providing the Committee on Finance have sufficient funds in hand, after they have made their disbursements. Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD TANNER, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finances most respectfully submit the following:

Dollar Money reported for the year,.....		$1,461.52
Missionary Money brought to conference,.....		460.00
Contingent Money reported for the year,.....		94.50
Total received by committee for disbursements,		$2,016.02
Educational Money brought to conference,.....	$ 59.87	
Mite Missionary money " "	89.06	
Bible Cause " " "	49.23	
Church extension money collected in S. S.,.....	11.53	
S. S. Union money brought to conference,.....	4.50	
Mite Missionary money collected in "	48.66	
Educational money paid by the preachers, ...	52.75	
	$315.60	

The above mentioned collections has been sent to their respective departments.

There were other collections taken up in the conference that was not reported the committee. For a full report of all money raised this year in our conference, we refer you to the Statistical Table.

Disbursement of dollar money,.....		$1,461.52
Financial Secretary's percentage sent on, ...	$639.23	
Church extension " " "	87.69	
Conference percentage,.....	854.60	
Disbursement of conference percentage of dollar money:		
W. G. Ralph, superannuated preacher,.....		$ 75.00
S. T. Jones, superannuated preacher, deceased,.....		70.00
Clarisy West, widow,.....		30.00
Gracie Offer, widow,.....		30.00
Annie E. Jackson, widow, ...		30.00
Mary E. Russell, widow and three children,.....		45.00
Margret Evans, widow,.....		30.00
Fanny Cyus, widow,.....		30.00
Rosetta Jackson, widow and two children, ...		40.00
Sister Watt, widow,.....		30.00
Margret Jones, widow and one child, ...		35.00
Martha Lacy, widow and two children.....		40.00
Two orphan children of David Lewis, deceased,.....		10.00

Traveling expenses of Bishop Payne,	30.00
Traveling expenses of Bishop Arnett,	60.00
	$585.00

Disbursement of missionary money:

To Bishop Payne for Foreign missions,	$100.00
" Charles Garner,	15.00
" O. T. Davis,	8.00
" Sandy Christian,	10.00
" D. J. Johnson,	5.00
" J. W. Brown,	5.00
" W. N. Young,	5.00
" C. H. Arnett,	5.00
" B. Morgan,	10.00
" M. S. Jones,	10.00
" J. W. Saunders,	5.00
" R. M Henderson,	10.00
" P. Moore,	10.00
" W. H. Pride,	10.00
" H. J. Williams,	5.00
" L. A. Barber,	10.00
" A. Smothers,	10.00
" E. McKnight,	5.00
" J. W. Riley, P. E.,	120.00
" T. B. Bynum,	3.00
" Make up deficiency of Mite Missionary collection,	1.34
" Payne Seminary, Wilberforce,	50.00
" Expense in sending money to widows and preachers,	2.66
Paid to Book Steward for printing last year's minutes,	45.00
Total,	$460.00
Contingent money reported for the year, $94.50	

Paid to Secretaries,	20.00
" For Gas, Stationery, Printing, Sexton, etc.	36.00
" Traveling expenses of Secretary, when printing last years minutes,	6.45
" For printing blanks for conference reports,	4.50
" " Ordinization and appointment credentials,	3.35
" To W. H. Brown, for hack hire and dispatching,	1.10
Total,	$71.40

RECAPITULATION.

Money received by commi tee for disbursement:—

Dollar money reported, cash,	$1,461.52	
Missionary money reported, cash;	460.00	
Contingent money reported, cash,	94.50	
Total,		$2,016.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Financial Secretary,.....	$ 789.23
" Church Extension Secretary,.....	87.69
" Conference percentage disbursement,.....	585.60
" Missionary money, disbursed in conference,.....	460.00
" Contingent money, disbursed in conference,.....	71.40
Total, disbursed by committee,	$1,993.92
Balance in Treasury,	$ 22.10

Committee:—W. S. Lowry, J. M. Morris, I. N. Ross, C. Asbury, B. Wheeler.

BOOK STEWARD'S REPORT.

Uniontown, Pa., October 16, 1..98.

Cost of publishing minutes,..... $130.00	
Paid, by cash, November 25, 1892,.....	$66.00
Balance due, Nov. 25, 1892,..... $64.00	
Paid balance due, Oct. 19, 1892,.....	64.00
Total,	$130.00
Received from sale of minutes,.....	$95.95
Paid for printing minutes, Oct. 19, 1893,.....	64.00
Balance, Oct. 19, 1893,.....	$31.95
Received, by loan, from Financial Committee,.....	45.00
Total on hand, Oct. 19, 1893,	$76.95

Conference Book Steward,

I. N. Ross.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

"Requiescat in Pace."

IN MEMORY OF

Rt. Rev. John M. Brown, D.D. D.C.L.

Rev. Sugaras T. Jones,

Miss Arnetta Jones, Mrs. Clara Foulks,

Mrs. Matilda Honesty.

It becomes the painful duty of your committee, to whom was referred the report on Memoirs, to record the demise of Bishop John Mifflin Brown, 11th Bishop of the A. M. E. church, who passed away

at his home in Washington, D. C., after a prolonged and painful illness, in the 75th year of his age, and the 25th year of his episcopal service. In reviewing the life of the departed Bishop, the faithful biographer, can but be gratified at the abundance and variety of subject matter embraced. From youth, to his later decline, the life of the ever active churchman before us, is as an ever changing panorama; constantly affording interest, beauty and attractiveness to the beholder. Throughout the public career of our subject, golden threads of faith, persistency, prowess, courage, endurance, long-suffering, fidelity, and an indomitable heroism are beautifully interwoven and compose its form and contents.

The engagement of our fallen veteran, as educator in the Union Seminary in Ohio and Texas; his pastorial servises, sacrifices and imprisonment at New Orleans; his literary endeavors, as editor and mrnister at Baltimore; his episcopal labors throughout the country; his conseinment in all measures affecting the interests of his race generally; all illustrate our claim for our departed chieftain, casting a romantic tingue to his entire career, and enshrining his memory in imperishable gratitude and veneration.

In consideration of the contributions to the youth of the race, derived from the life of Bishop Brown; the lasting services yielded the race, by his doings and endeavors; the life-long devotion and zeal, manifested towards the church by the departed Bishop. Upon your committee rests the sacred obligation of commending his life and achievements to the faithful study of our ministry, in particular, and our church constituents in general. It is sad to contemplate the painful taking off of the venerable church Dr., and yet we solemnly rejoice in the fact that his work was well done, and the years of his probation well matured and rounded up.

The withdrawal of our episcopal chieftain from mortal vision was not as the sudden eclipse of nature's sun, in his merdidian splendor, but the rather, as the decline of that sovereign luminary after completing his course in the heavens; quietly sinks to rest behind the western hills. Though dead, Bishop Brown yet speaks to generations unborn. As a faint expression of our gratitude, and veneration toward the departed Bishop, your committee propose that a memoirial page be left upon the record of this conference, and that a copy of this report be sent to the widow of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. Johnson,
D. S. Bentley,
Carter Wright,
R. H. Morris,
J. W. Riley.

Rev. Elder Sugaras Turner Jones departed this life, March 2d, 1893, at Washington, Pa., at his home, at the advanced age of 70 years. He died in the full triumphs of the living faith. He was confined to his room for about six months. He was the oldest traveling preacher in the Pittsburg Conference. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of said conference felt the loss of our dear brother.

Resolved, that we will try and meet our loving brother on the shores of sweet deliverance. R. H. MORRIS.

Sister Arnetta Jones, daughter of Elder Sugaras Turner Jones, died October 10th, 1893, at her home, Washington, Pa., at the age of 31 years. She was confined to her room for 8 week, with that dreaded disease, consumption. She had been a consistant christian for quite a number of years. She was a fine young lady, always modest, unassumming and quiet, and was the favorite of the family, and especially Elder Jones. It seemed that she never became reconciled to the death of her father. She visited his grave every week after his death, up to about 8 weeks ago, when she visited that grave for the last time, being rather delicate, andithe weather very warm, she was overcome by that trip and came home, and took her bed, and never left her room until death released her. She died a triumphant christlan death, perfectly willing and resigned to go, May God bless the sleeping dust of father and daughter. We will try and meet them on the shores of sweet deliverence.

Resolved, that we have lost a faithful daughter of a departed minister. R. H. MORRIS,
D. S. BENTLEY.

Sister Clara Foulks, daughter of Rev. Sandy Christian, born in the year of of our Lord, 1872; united in marriage to Archey Foulks, in 1891. Her health failed last June, and during her illness went to visit her father and mother at Milton, Pa., where she took her bed, from which she did not move until He, whose right it is, took her to Himself.

Of Clora Poulks, it can be said, that she was a patient sufferer; a faithful wife and consoling mother. It was our pleasure to visit her during her severe illness and read the word of life, and prayed for the blessing of God upon her in her affliction. She was a member of the church from infancy, and learned early in life to love and praise God for His love and tender mercies, and hence she was better prepared to trust Him in sickness, and in death as well. Thus she lingered in her father's house, receiving all the attention that a loving mother and father could give her, until the 8th of September, 1893, when she breathed her last. She died in the 21st year of her age, and leaves a husband and one child; father and mother, and one sister to mourn her loss.

Since a removal by death always leaves aching souls, sad hearts, which time can scarcely heal, and since, in the inspired book of God, we are assured that all things are possible to them that believe; therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the death of Clara Foulks, Rev. Sandy Christian and family have the sympathy of the members of the Pittsburg Conference, and our prayer to God, is that light from heaven may ever reflect its cheering rays upon their pathway until they reach the haven of rest.

Whereas this conference has received intelligence—by telegram —of the death of Sister Matilda Honesty, a member of the A. M. E. church, at Brownsville, Pa., and Whereas, in the death of Sister Honesty the church has lost a faithful member, and home a kind and endearing mother. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we condole the family. And, be it further

Resolved, that this conference send at once, an expression of our heartfelt sympathy; by telegram. D. S. Bently.

JUDICIARY REPORT.

To the Bishop:

We, your judiciary committee, having examined the letters and bills, coming from Mrs. Ellen Jones, against Charles Bundy, J. W. Young and J. D. Jackson, and find the parties named are not members of this conference. We would therefore refer her to the Steward,s of the church, at Parkersburg.

C. Wright,
G. C. Sampson,
John W. Riley,
Richard Tanner,
I. N. Ross.

FIRST AND SECOND YEARS' STUDIES.

Uniontown, Pa., October 13, 1893.

Rev. Bishop and Members of Pittsburg Conference:

We, your Committee on Admission, beg leave to make the following report:—We examined the following Brethren in the requitites for the same; viz: Richard H. Bumery, who stood a good examination, getting an average 98⅛. We therefore recommend him for the itinerate work. Brother John Stewart, who applies for Local Deacons' Orders; average was 22½. We can only leave him in the hands of the conference. Rev. Israel Holmes, who reached the conference late, and was examined in oriatory. His examination was quite good, and he has been doing a good work. This year we therefore reccommend him to the Bishop and P. E. for work, if in their judgement they see best. Brothers Pierce Morse average 16 2-8, William Davis, 19⅜; John W. Brown, 42 2-8; Charles Butts, 43 6-8; Henry Williams, 45; Ely McVight, 46⅞.

We feel pained to say that their deficiency in all their studies is so great that we are, in duty bound, to refuse them admission. While that is a fact, four of them seem to be very promising, and we recommend them to the Bishop and P. E. for work, should they have work for them.

Geo. C. Sampson,
John W. Riley,
I. B. Till,
Geo. G. Skinner.

THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS' STUDIES.

Uniontown, Pa., October 12, 1893.

To the Bishop and Conference.

Your committee on the third and fourth years' studies respectfully submit the following:

We have examined Brothers Owen T. Davis and Junious W. Jeffries in fourth year's studies, and find them qualified and worthy. We recommend that they be passed from the fourth year's studies, and ordained Elders.

C. Asbury,
W. S. Lwory,
R. H. Morris,
D. S. Bentley,
R. Tanner.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

To the Bishop, members and friends of the Twenty sixth Annual session of the Pittsburg conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church greeting.

Reverend fathers and brethern we welcome you heartily and cordially to our town, beautiful for situation laying at the base of the Alleghany mountians; noted for her coke productions and its well arranged works, which might remind you of the great forts guarding our sea ports, and standing upon this hill you can see the smoke ascending in every direction from our works on our east we have Pressor works and lying on our south, we have Moors and Fairchance on our west. The Thompson Glass Works, and north east Olivers Works. The Ice factory and a steel mill and construction shop, several planing mills, gas and electric plants, electric cars, fine hotels and paved streets and one of the finest Temple of Justic in Western Pennsylvania just in rear of it a substancial Building to accomodate offenders we will not recommend you to board there, we welcome you to the hospitalities of ous homes, and although we have felt the change that has taken place in our country, yet you shall share with us at our table, and we will do our best to make you feel welcome and at home, during your sojourn with us we hope that your presence in our midst will make a lasting impression on the minds of our citizens and that your influence will be felt throughout the community, that our citizens will recognise in your ability and manhood -intellectualy and morally. We feel honored to have you hold your conference in our humble chapel presided over, by two of the most noted men of our race: as representative men; leaders and great teachers of the race in the persons of our venerable Bishop, Daniel A. Payne D. D. L. L. D. Senor Bishop of one of the grandest colored organizations in this country, and his associate Bishop, Benjiman W. Arnett D. D., the great historian of the church. We welcome our general officers and our presiding Elders, as field officers: coming from their fields of labors. Welcome our pastor and their delegates. We will try to make it pleasent for you and we hope you will have a pleasent time in each of the sessions, and that we may be guided in our deliberation by the spirit of Christ—welcome to all.

Since my coming to this town there has been may improvements made. We took the lead and by so doing the work of progress has been going on; churches have been remodled, and new ones built, homes have been remodled and improved; debts have been contracted, but there is a way out if we will try. I may be criticesed for the course that I took, perhaps I may have had more zeal than know

ledge, but I believed it had to be done, and God was with me. I have come safe thus far. While there if perils that confronts us, yet it can be surmounted by care and push, every obligation could be met. This will depend on the powes that be fraternally yours

CARTER WRIGHT Pastor.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We believe the "Parliament of Religions" held in Columbus Hall, Art Palace, in the city of Chicago, Ill., from Sept. 11th. until Sept. 26th., 1893, to be the most interesting phase of religious development in the annals of Sacred History since the Day of Pentecost, and

WHEREAS, Many of the religious denominations of the United States held Congresses during the said Parliament, and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the A. M. E. church was held in the same building from Sept. 22nd. until the 26th., thereby bringing the work of said church and its Ministry not only before the people of America but also before tne people of oriental countries, and

WHEREAS, We belive the Parliament of Religion to be a great blessing in that it served to present the Negro race in a proper light before the world, and

WHEREAS, The Rt. Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D. of the Ninth Episcopal District, through his wise and economical management brought the above mentioned church to the realization of a blessing fraught with so much value, and

WHEREAS, The Rt. Rev. Daniel A. Payne D. D. associated with Bishop Arnett, did the church a great honor as well as a great service in representing it before the Christian intelligence of the civilized world, mingling with the master minds and the religious thought of all countries, therefore be it

Resolved That we, the members of the Pittsburg conference here assembled, endorse the action of the A. M. E. Church Congress in rewarding Bishop Arnett a medal for his most valuable work on that memorable occasion; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender the Bishops above mentioned a vote of thanks as an appreciation of their valuable services. Be it further

Resolved That the Pittsburg Conference appropriate fifteen dollars to assift in the purchasing a medal for Bishop Arnett.

D. S. BENTLEY.

And whereas, Bishop Arnett has been invithed to the old world by some of the leading churchmen, and Bishap Arnett, being desirous of visiting abroad,

Resolved, That we, the mambers of the Pittsburg conference will bear our share of the expenses of Bishop Arnett on his foregin visit.

W. H. BROWN.

Uniontown, Pa., October 16, 1893.

WHEREAS, the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, must of necessity travel throught a vast portion of West Virginia, where the A. M. E. church and Pittsburg conference is not quite familiarly known by many of our people and friends. Be it therefore

Resolved, that the committee on publication of the minutes of

this conference, are instructed to deliver into the hands of the Presiding Elder of said district, twenty-five copies of the minutes for free distribution.

JOHN W. RILEY,
W. H. PALMER, M. D.,
W. H. BROWN, P. E.

Uniontown, Pa., October 16, 1893.

We, the members of the Pittsburg P. E. Dsstrict of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, of the A. M. E. church, learn with deep regret, that our beloved P. E., Rev. D. S. Bently, by the wisdom of the Bishop,a this own request, is releived from the head of our district. We gladly acknowledge his great interest in us; his loveable disposition towards us, and the great kindness of his great big heart, for us. Should he return to our former work we would gladly have him as our P. E. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that our dear brother, D. S. Bently, D. D., who has been relieved from the position of P. E., to be placed in the itinerant ranks, by his own request; carries with him the prayers and best wishes of all the membtrs of the District. Further, be it

Resolved, that we will pray for his success, in nis new field of labors; trusting that his work and labors may far eclipse all that has been done in all of his past life. We further hope him long life and much happiness. Respectfully your committee, appointed by the ministers of said district.

ISHMAEL B. TILL,
CHAS. S. MCGEE,
GEO. C. SAMPSON.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Because of the goodness of God, in the blessings of health, vochafed to us during the past conference year, and in thankfulness for the harmony, and christian fellowship, which have prevailed during the present session; also, recalling the blessed memories of the conference presided over in this town, (Uniontown, Pa.,) some years ago, by our beloved Bishop, Daniel A. Payne, we hereby record our gratitude to Almighty God.

Resolved, therefore, that we have been honored and gratified at the manner in which Bishops Payne, and Arnett his associate, have conducted the sessions of this conference.

Resolved, that Mr. Lewis C. Jones, a gentleman of ability, and progressive thinker; editor and publisher of the *A. M. E. Oonference Reporter*, shall be held in the highest esteem for having reported accurately the proceedings of this conference to the public.

Resolved, that the reporters of the *Uniontown News* and *Evening Standard*, have also our thanks for the publishing the business of this conference in their journals.

H. A. GRANT,
R. M. HENDERSON.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Nashville, Tenn, October, 1893.

Twelfth Annual Statement of the Corresponding Secretary and

Treasurer of the Sunday school Union of the A. M. E. Church.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. church: Greetings—

Allow me to congratulate you on being able, through the goodness of God, to meet again in conference. May the guidance and presence of Divine Wisdom be with you throughout the session.

The entire amount of Children's Day money for 1893, received from churches and Sunday schools in the state of Pennsylvania, is $283.92, for which accept our sincere thanks; though the amount is much smaller than we had anticipated, for the reason the church extension society now receives one-half of the Children's Day money, and if both departments receive anything like a fair support from this source the result must be greatly increased.

We keep a record of the Children's Day money by states, as it is impossible to classify it according to annual conference boundaries.

We have made very great improvement in our Sunday-school literature, especially our teachers' quarterly, which is now being chiefly edited by the faculty of Payne's Theological Seminary. This we regard as a valuable and adantageous result. The circulation of our literature, though, is not what it ought to be. We claim to have a membership of over 300,000 in our Sunday-schools, and yet we do not supply one-half that number with our literature. We ought to issue at least 200,000 scholars' quarters every month. We hope every Presiding Elder and Pastor will see to it that our literature is used in every one of our Sunday-schools, and assist us in looking after those who seem to be neglected and uncared for.

My report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1893, showed that the business amounted to $16,493.23; the Children's Day money, $2,111.11; the expenses, $20,350.83. The expenses exceeded the receipts by $1,746.49. Our total indebtedness was $3,886.92. We calculated to have paid every dollar of this by the first of July, but the failure or suspension of nine banks in this city prevented us from doing so. We have over $3,000 locked up in the failures. Just how much of this we will finally receive can not be known. I am of the opinion that we shall never receive more than one-third of it, and it will be, at least eighteen months before we shall receive even that much. The First National Bank, which was our chief reliance, has asked all its creditors for twenty months time, in order to enable it to resume business. We have to meet an emergency! We must have $2,500 by November 1st, or else be forced to suspend business. We cannot raise any money on our property by giving a mortgage, as that cannot be done without the consent and order of the general conference. The church must come to the rescue. We have reached a crisis which must be met, or we must perish. Even the annual conference could help us out by making a donation.

When the Sunday School Union of the A. M. E. church fails, the best business house ever owned and controlled by colored people in this country goes down. Its failure will not merely be a misfortune to our church, but to our people throughout the entire country. Let there be a united effort to prevent this dire result.

The results of Children's Day [illegible]4, should be far beyond what they were in 1892 or 1893.

I beseech you to pray that the interest of our Sunday School Union may not be disturbed nor injured; and may God abundantly bless each and all of you. Fraternally, your obedient servant,

C. S. SMITH, Sec'y and Treasurer.

DOLLAR MONEY.

WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURG—CORNELIUS ASBURY, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—Anne Hughes, John Peggs, Barney Mahoney, Lida Cain, James Cain, Elizabeth Peck, Jessiana Woodson, Fannie Carter, Moriah Pohuson, C. L. Johnson, Emanuel Jackson, William L. Davis, Susan Brown, R. R. Thrompson, Sarah Palmer, William Mason, Lizzie Washington, Sterling Austin, John H. Backus, Amanda Palmer, W. H. S. Rodgers, Hampton Herbert, Annie Herbert, R. W. Scott, Samuel Golders, John P. Golders, Henrietta Golders, John H. Howard, W. H. Jones, Page W. Douse, A. J. Billows, M. J. Billows, Florence Billows, Walter Billows, D. J. Duquid, Martha Black, Ella Duquid, Mary Lewis, Josephine Baltimore, C. G. Burton, V. W. Beckett, Gracie P. Oofer, Robert Jackson, Dr. Robert Brady, James H. Johnson, S. D. Roach, Charles H. O'Donnell, Adelia O'Donnell, Josephine Ryad, Mary V. Brady, Stephen Cox, Rebecca Cox, Moriah Warren, William Coats, Elien Coates, Carrie Coates, A. F. Lawson, Harry Coleman, Cornelia Scott, James Smith, Joseph Fordley, Hannah Clarkson, Friend, J. T. Brown, Sarah Halliburton, Annie Johnson, J. B. Walker, Lizzie R. Gibson, Wilson Palmer, Jane Palmer, Harry Dodds, Thomas C. Brooks, Emma Aster, Henry Myers, Elizabeth Hunter, Moses Watson, Mary Watson, William Highgate, Mrs. Highgate, Julia Washington, Thomas Hankley, Abraham Wian, Daniel Atwood, Margaret Thompson, Maggie Jones, William Banks, Martha Ramer, Mary J. Fields, Taylor Jones, Harriet Googins, Katie Willard, G. B. Knox, Lucy Knox, Moses Ditcher, Mary Ditcher, Mary J. Dickson, Elizabeth Hawkins, Carrie Bell, John Edwards, Signoia Allen, Sarah Tolliver, L. J. Hanger, Asa Gould, Mrs. Gould, Lucetia Tyler, David J. James, David Gordon, Mary E. Marshell, Helen E. Gale, L. S. Asbury, Joseph Evans, Lewis Hall, Eliza Hill, Nancy Thrompson: Harry Klimer, Daniel Johnson, Julia Chinn, Elizabeth Singleton, Willis Austin. The following persons paid 75 cents each:—John Thompson, Nancy and Maggie Douse. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Robert and Sarah Pierce, Emmie Woodruff, Lizzie Taylor, Mary Moles, Lucy Auston, Friend, Friend, Mary F. and William H. Hilton, T. J. Gatewood, Owen and Eliza Reed, Hiram Chinn. Total $13,000.

ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH, E. E., PITTSBURG, PA.—G. C. SAMPSON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid One Dollar each:—Martha D. Sampson, Mary Sniger, Ella Banks, Selena Dent, Frances McHenry, Caroline Fields, Morris Meredith, G. L. Taylor, Maggie Fields, Robert Wheeler, Sarah Forbush, Hunter Grey, William Thompson, Mahaha Adams, Alice Scoots, Henry Dent, Adie Jones, Sophia Truly, J. A. Hopkins, Sadie Paul, Mary Crumpton, John Paul, Sr., Harriet Solomon, Adam Strawbridge, Amanda Branson, Samuel Branson, Lucinda Thompson, Archie Toles, Florence Harding, Rachel Strothers. Lewis, Maggie Paul, D. F. Blair, Milly Nelson, Mary Adison, Martha and Robert Beasley, Bella Burley, C. H. Washington, W. C. Rafferty, Lizzie Jackson, Tillie Graham, George Anderson, Robert Stevenson, Eliza Morgan, Lewis Roberts, George and Laura Bullets, John Stevenson, Nathan Brown, Ellen Moten, Mary Davis, Florence V. Harding, Emma McTerry, Emma Wilson, J. B. Jackson, Hester Jackson, Annie Singleton, William A. Lisby, Howard Croxen, Samuel Cuff, Mary C. Burgess, Joseph N. Hackney, Joseph Lee, Mary Jones, Charles Croxen, Elizebeth Butler, Emanuel Blood, Lulu Arter, Mary Grinage, Laura Harding, William Moten, Annie Brunson, Levi Greyson, Lucy Gordon, Lea Harvey, G. W. Gant, Harriet Deams, James Deams, Lizzie Deams, Robert and Ida Paul, Rosa Jane Anderson, Bessie Medley, Joseph Brown. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Rebeckah Smith, Mary Brown, Sarah Brown, Sarah, Gertrude and Lucy Thompson, Hattie and Spencer Ford, Annie D. Sampson, Louisa Wheeler, Sarah and Julia Knox, Rosa Stevenson, Hattie Purnell, C. J., and Paris Burley, Mary E. Tobias, John Solomon, Mary Juriks, Louisa Saunders, Early Strothers, Zelpha Croms, Elizabeth Catlane, Josh Adison, George Lockley, Georganna Crumpton, Richard Dugett. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Mary Lovette, Mollie Norris, Emma G. Sampson, Georgetta Sampson, J. R. Paul, Samuel Forebush, John Green, Mr. Justice, R. E. Frazier, Rebecca Robinson.

WILKESBARRE PA,—I. B. TILL PASTOR.

The following named, persons paid one dollar each:—Martha Robertson: Adam Woodson, Mary J. Smith, Hartville Miller, Eliza Rollins, Samuel Norman, Catherine Norman, Margret Evins, Robert Chessman, Mary Miller, Jane Phoenix, Mary Jane Richardson, Isaac Rollens, Martha Rasper, Augustus Ederson, Evaline Thomas, Hattie Logan, Elvina Williams, William Mickens, George Young, John Logan, Molisa Logan, Mary Kinslow, Henry Welhington, John Williams, Anna Welcome, Henry Miller, George Gaines. The following named persons paid seventy five cents each:—John Branch, Henry Johnson. The followed named persons paid fifty cents each:—Clara Norman, Sarah Mickens, Sarah Smith, Mary Brown. Total, $32.75

WILLIAMSPORT A. M. E. CHURCH.—REV. RICHARD TANNER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Maggie, William, Elias

and Annie Alexander, Louis M., Mary E., Berkley, Jeremiah, Charlotte, Hannah and David Blue, Howard Butler, Elizaberti Bazant, Auge E. Burnes, Willis and Victoria Bronson, Sister Brooks, Jennie Brown, John Brownie, Eliza and William Cross, Harvey Dorsey, Charlotte H. Dockens, Isaac and L. E. Drum, Macy Emory, Annie Frazier, Mary Frances, Mamie and Hannah Green, Sarah Gross, Armie Goings, Sr., John Goings, Mary Harris, Elizabeth Hutchens, Job, Charlotte, Christian, Sarah and Josephine Jones, Jane Jackson, Ellen Mattern, Hester and Henry Newman, Elizabeth Obrein, Nancy Seterson, Mary E. Russell, Catherine and Seuy Summers, Lewis and Mary E. Stevenson, Sarah Smith, Nancy and Irene Tanner, Annie M., John H. and Sarah A. White, Maggie Wood, Caroline Williams, Sarah Williams, Mary and George Wagoner, Isiah White, Amie Wilson, Alonzo and Harriet Watson, Margret Lyons, Eva Lovett, William Lyons. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Bella Blue, Mary and Cross, Sim and Mary Emory, Bella Russell, Tanner, Emma White.

HOWARD PLACE A. M. E. CHURCH, SCRANTON PA.,—REV. C. A. MC GEE, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Joseph King, Eli Ivory, Lulu and Maggie Lilly, Martha and Ella Miller, Fannie Hart, T. J. Askew, Martha Harris, Minnie Howard, Florence Lilly, Ida Huff, Sarah Walker, Daniel Dorsey, Marian Howard, Sadie Morton, Mary Tiglman, Gay A. McGee, Edward and Abi Nelson, Wm. K. Harris, Frank Johnson, Clara Stackhouse, Wm. Giles, Fannie Foster, Geo. Miller. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Cephas Scott, Charlotte Scott, Amy Brown, Daniel Huff, Lulu Dorsey, Eleanor Lane, J. Jones, Sarah Brown, Samuel and Emma Porter. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Follie and Walter Scott, Jennie Howard, Kate Williams, Cecilia A. McGee, Hattie Howard.

Total, $32.50.

BELLEFONTE CIRCUIT—S. C. HONESTY, PASTOR.—BELLEFONTE.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—Mary Pennington, Sarah F. Wilson, Katie Wellington, Margaret Powel, Benj. Williams. Rachel Taylor, Thos. Taylor, Celia Williams, Jeff. Hagans, Lucy Steward, Mary A. Johnson, Alf. Steward, Matilda Dorsey, Lettie Carter, Mattie Hagans, Annie Brown, Geo. Brown, Mary Miller, Ellen Thomas, Tamazine McDonald, Frank Miller, A. V. Jackson, Malinda Miller, Lou. Dunlap, Katie Miller, William, Carrie and Celia Mills, A. C. Piper, James Carter. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Chas Grenn, Peter Jones, Alice Emery, Maggie Valentine, Willie M. Forman, Jessie Green, Emma Hamer, Annie Steward, Katie Dary, Mary Green. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Rosa Johnson, Bertha Thomas, Annie Miller, Fanny Pennington. Total $36,00.

LOCK HAVEN.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—Lou M. Stills, Mary Brown, Clara Butter. The following persons paid 50 cents each;—James Tyler, Annie Hamilton. Total $3.00. Grand Total $40,00.

ALLEN CHAPEL, ALTOONA, PA.—REV. J. J. NORRIS, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—T. B. Shorter, A. Powel, D. C. Johnson, C. H. Brown, George Green, W. H. Holmes, M. A. Shorter, Solomon Paul, E. M. Shorter, G. Worley, Maggie Paul, Nancy Powel, Emma Brown, Ellen Posey, Pheobe Johnson, Julietta Johnson, L. Cox, Mary A. Wilson, Maggie Whiting. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Hattie Hollinger, Martha Stokes.

PHILLIPSBURG, PA.—H. A. GRANT, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—John W. Delige, Cassius Clark, Walter Jackson, Eliza A. and Charles Carter, Jennie Clark, Mollie Page, Suldom Pollard, Jennie Patton, Daniel McClenlan, Anna Kate Cochran, Anna Paggs, Absalom Braxton, Louis N. Mitchell, John C. Gruber, George W. Carter, Emma Moore, Oliver Morrison, Frank Gruber, Elijah Onley, Mary Dillon, Mary Johnson, Delpha Alexander, John Jones, Kate Jackson. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Elizabeth Only, Caroline Chase, Ellen Jordan, Nellie Johnson, John E. Fleck, Nancy McClenlan, Mrs. Frank T. Chase, Martha and John Jackson, Rhetta Pollard. James Rector paid 75 cents. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Thomas Onley, William Frame, Mrs. William Turner, Annie Holtz. Lettie Nichols 30 cents.

CURWENSVILLE, PA.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Lysander Taylor, John Webb, Sarah Braxton, Susan Carl, Hettie Taylor, Anna and Lottie Jones, Emma Watson. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Owen Jones, Samuel Johnson, Minnie Brock, Anna Lawson, Mary Hartshorn.

BRADDOCK CIRCUIT,—H. G. THOMAS, PASTOR.—HOMESTEAD.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Jennie Blake, J. W. Browner, Nellie Beverly, Samuel Cundiff, Elizabeth Byrans, Susan and Thomas Jackson, Thomas Norris, Bowman Scott, Tucker Clark. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Elizabeth Jackson, J. M. Blake, Emanuel Randolph, C. W. Pasly, Cora Johnson, Sadie Randolph, James Clark, Abraham and Catherin Steward. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Emma Cook, John and Maggie Clark.

BRADDOCK. Total, $16.25.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Mariah Overall, Geo., Lucy and Cora Walker, Robert Thompson, Ora Anderson, Ida N. Lee, John W. Arnolds Mary J. Edwards. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Anna Jackson, Louisa Edwards, John R. Holland. Grand total, $26.75. ——— Total, $10.50.

GREENSBURG, PA,—W. N. YOUNG. PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each: Vincent Stokes, Rev. T. J. Simmons, Frank Cheeks, John Muncie, Emory Stokes, Lee Little, Lewis Wimey, A. E. Barber, M. M. Simmons Mary Stokes, Rachel Stokes, Eliza Smith, Emma Young, Nanie Bisley, Catharine Lupton, Martha Monroe, John Cheeks, C. Payne, Marshal Benaman, Wm.

Hamer. Lizzie Nimmey paid 75 cents. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Kate Anderson, Carrie Young, F. L. Nimmey, H. E. Furgerson, Jorhua Bisley, J. B. Grant, W. P. Hall, Milton, Grant, Celia Simpson, Rachel Powell, Ida Steward, James Monroe. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Nora Fitzpatrick, Mary Fisher, Nancy Lockwood. Total $27.50

WAVERLY, PA.—REV. D. J. JOHNSON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each.—Ignatus and Elizabeth Thomas, Sarah E. Lee, Catherin Bradley, Susan Baker, Richard Norris, Mary A. and J. R. Johnson, Grant Tillman. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Lewis and Case Parkes, Georgean Johnson.

MONTROSE.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Nimrod and Esterline Slaughter, John Williams, Peter P. and Jane Norris, Ben Nailor, Janier Willson, George L. Battle, George Battle, Jr. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Jordan Blair, Sarah Willson, Netter Williams. Eliza Booery paid 50 cents.

BLOOMSBURG AND DANVILLE CIRCUIT—H. JOHNSON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—Gloscoe Cameron, Emmaline Harkins. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Annie Cameron, Ida May Hamilton, Ella Henson, Makaley Stuckey, Charles Stuckey, Caroline Dennis, John Henson, John Hardy, Annie Hardy. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Alla Johnson, Ida Henson.

LEWISTOWN, PA.,—O. T. DAVIS, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—John Robertson, John W. Banner, A. T. Davis, Hannah C. Johnson. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—William Given, Aaron Vinceson, Henreita Vinson, Elizbeth Palmer. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Martha Dorsey, Bell Ebe. Total $7.00.

HUNTINGTON, PA.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—John Murrell, Moses D. Tolliver. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Heny Murrell, Francis Tolliver, Mrs. Dobson, Tilla Baker. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Minnie Murrell, David Reith. Total $4.50.

WEST PITTSTON, ISRAEL HOLMES.

The following persons paid $1.00 each.—Thomas Barlow, William Jones, George Gross, Albert Dorcy, Julia Dorcy, Emma Sueles, Quinnie Wheeler, Fannie Jones, Catherine Gross, Jane Hutchison; Probationers, Charles Wheeler, Jacob Gragerie, Mary Gragerie, Sister William Jones.

BEDFORD,—J. W. BROWN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Jas. F. Fisher, I. N. Bruce, Wm. Willis, Mrs. A. B. Willis, Nancy Whakins, S. H. Rush,

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mrs. Charity Freeman, Mary L. Bell, B. Thomas, Lydia Gorden, Mary E. Stewart, Jennie Slathers, Mr. Geo. W. Slathers, Preston, Stewart, Miss L. B. Winfield, Minnie Brown. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Mrs. Annie Brice, Rachel Bolden, Miss Ettie Plowden, Sarah Brown.

PAYNE CHAPEL NEW HAVEN PENNA.—C. N. WOODSON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—W. Caget, Nettie McNeal, Mrs. Della Woodson, Mary White, W. Colman, Ninie Colman, Jessie McDonnell, Benjamin Jone, Fannie Fox, Johnson Fox, Maggie Join, Mary Thompson, Mary Lewis, Charlotte Gallegher, Hattie Wallace, Elcy Ganders, John Brown, S. T. McFall, Annie McDonnel, Emma War, Annanda Brown, Elizebet Ross, Minerna White, G. Jackson. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Anna Henderson, Seab Woodson, George Carroll, Wiltelmive Woodson, Waymons Wodson. Total 25.25.

TYRONE, PA.,—CHARLES GARNER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—Mrs. Nancy Plowden, Laura Hunter, Emley Johnston, Jutia M. Garner, Daniel Milton, Charles G. Garner, G. W. Bryant, S. E. Abel, Mary Reemp.

MILTON, PA.,—SCHRISTIAN, PASTOR.

The following named brethern paid one Dollar each:—Mrs. Elizebeth Christian, Mrs. Emma Collins. Mrs. Marshall 50 cents.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.—BROWNS CHAPEL,—I. N. ROSS, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Messrs. Braughn, Joseph L. Smith, Wm. H. Frazer, W. S. Mitchell, H. W. Jones, Mason Washington, Wm. Smith, Jordan Botts, Louis L. Smith, James H. Page, Silas Sawyer, Wallace Davis, Sylvester Burrell, I. B. Long, A Black, Marshall Johnson, James Howard, Toby Burleigh, James and M. Lewis, Chas. Robinson, R. H. Bumery, Richard Hunter, Robert J. Davis, R. Renolds, John Clark, Thomas Workins, J. P. Washington, A. Bay, R. Colman, Julius Page, G. Hutchinson, Geo. W. Cook, David Lee, Charles Darring, Louis Queen, C. A. Butler, Nathan Peters, David Rose, Luther Dawson, Abram Berry, James A. Wilson, A. N. Williams, Chas. E. Butler, Anderson Black, Samuel Lewis, Louis Linden, Sisters F. Johnson, Carl Staford, Annie Johnson, Nancy Ramson, $2 00; Minty Ann Narnan, Hattie Smith, Catherine Davis, Jane Barns, sarah Clark, samuel Page, sarah sterling, Emily Long, sophia collins, sarah Jackson, Mary Henderson, sarah catlin, Lucy Oston, Amanda Bonn, Ellen Hollingsworth, Anna Queen, Margaret Hunt, Liza E. Jones, Anna Smith, Mary Pearson, Martha A. Johnson, N. M. Miller, E. Hunt, Anna Carson, Ruth J. Jones, S. E. Stanton, L. Lethart, G. C. Washington, E. J. Cox, L. Sawyer, S Dixon, Katie Speaks, Salie Crabel, Elizabeth Wilson, Lillie Workins, Mary Cramer, H. Jones, Anna Gates, A. R. Banks, M. Watts, Nettie Kelly, Mary S. Carter, Lillie Askins, Eliza Cross,

Mary E. Godfry, Amanda Smith, Lillie C. Washington, Collins, Amanda Brown, Martha Hunter, Thomas Moore, Mary Deanle, Rebecca Bushroad. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Bros. H. Myers, Buck, White, Israel Kelly, William Narman, Henry Bruce, A. Poel, James Brom, James E. Howard, H. F. Jones, Sisters G. Sweeney, J. Thomas, Emma Taylor, Cromkleton, Fanny Whiltey, Georgana Bruce, W. Pier, Marie Brown, Lizzie Moore, L. W. Howard, Lucy Johnson, Carrie Crunkleton, Mary S. Smith, R. Cox, White, M. Wyle, Gracie Branks, Sarah Davis, Mary A. Branks Catherine Davis, Annie Maria Young, G. Johnson, K. Bradford, J. Cooke, Mary E. Roberts, Margret Wilson, Mamie Frazier, Grace Branks. The following persons paid 25 cents:—Bros. Louis Bathmore, Chas. Slofer, Wesley Paul, Liepcon, James Overall, Sisters Eva Slofer, Mary and Eliza Lewis, A. Robinson, A. E. Queen. Clifton Snyder paid 75 cents. Total, $138.00.

CHARTIERS ST.,—DAVID F. CALIMAN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—James and Rebecca Slifer, Ida Richards, Lizzie Washington, William Simmons, Jannie Lucas, Anna Greenleaf, Mildred Brown, Joshua Frazier, Noah Manny, Katie Fields, Emanuel Cox, Lizzie Morrison, Anna Slifer, W. H. Robinson, George and Mary Dexter, Wm. Miner, Daniel and Lizzie Dorsey, Nannie and Chas. Diggs, Wm. Lucas, Josie Smith, Armstead Taylor, Susie Diggs, Sheppie and Esau Cox, Della Young, Lillie Stephens, Julia Diggs, Emma Washington, Tishie Voten, Laura Robinson, Mary A. and Joseph Richards, Mary Tyler, Lidia Marshall, Florence Brown, Arena Hill, James Clifton, Anna Patterson, Wm. Newman, Syrin and Febie Bell, Mother Delany, Ruth Webster, Thomas Diggs, Nora Galoway, Ada Smith, Thomus J. Mc Dowell, Allie Richards, Chas. Titus, H. Hardy, Peter Allen, Ellen Titus, Wm. H. Jones, Bettie Daggett, C. T. and Josie Carroll, Rettie Thomas, Rertie Miner, J. H. Robinson, Callie Richardson, Carrie Williams, Charles Hill. Dudley Marshall paid $1.25. S. A. Manny and Arrie Hill each paid 75 cents. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Oliver and Wm. Lucas, Bettie Anderson, Anna Dickson Henry Dickson, Rachel Woodyard, C. H. Hardy, George Smith Geo. Tyler, Laura Diggs, Mamie and Lizzie Miner, J. Young, Pauline and Emma Stephenson, Nancy Johnson, Henrietta Washington, Rachel Dorsey, Mattie Jackson, C. Clenny, James Patterson, Thomas Chambers. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Susan Lewis, M. Standard, Julia and Mamie Ridgley. Total, $80.75.

SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURG, PA.—RICHARD BROWN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Ellen Randall, John Carver, William Randall, George Goodman, Catherin and Mary West, Susan Smith, Margret Favor, John Miller. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—John and Tillie Henderson, Matilda Jackson, Frances Williamson. Flora Favor, Annie Clark, Mrs. Rev. Brown. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Louisa Sheperardson, Lucy A. Brown. Katie Brown paid 10 cents. Total, $13.50.

NEW BRIGHTON, PA.—A. E. WALDON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Annie Leland, Eliza Cross, Elizabeth Dawson, Emslie Jackson, James Cross, Eliza and Emma Johnson, Lottie Bruien, Lida Early, Linia Webster, Mary Sims, Harrison Dawson, Edward Williams, Charles Rose, Alfred Jackson, Julie Webster, Annie and John W. Bruien, Annie Webb, Maggie Washington, Emley Sanders. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Lewis Cosley, Mamie Webster, James Bruien, Sarah Dawson, Vina and Frank Stewart, Katie Phenoy, Emma Waldon, Emma Brown.

WEST NEWTON CIRCUIT.—WEST NEWTON,—C. H. BROWN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—William Obanion, Olevia Derrettee, Mary E. Jordan, R. H. Logan, Pearl and Bras Clark, Emma Hall, The following persons paid 50 cents each:—David Derrettee, Penny Griffen, Lizzie Green, M. L. Morton, Mary E. Sterling, Rebecca Minny, Broden Bibby, G. W. Jordan. Total, $11.00.

MC KEESPORT, PA.

The following persons paid $1,00 each:—Adam and Laura Golden, Clara Derry, Eloise Coles, Maud V. Ducket, Emma Mackerell. Sylvester Grinage paid 50 cents. Total, $6.50. Grand total, $17.50.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, UNIONTOWN, PA.—REV. C. WRIGHT, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Mary A. Curry, Mahulda Oaks, A. Belt, Bell and Elizabeth Blue, Josephine Hackney, Mary Bettens, Sarah Black. Emma Campbell, Lucinda Perry, Lulu Coston, Emma Catline, W. A. Henry, Mariah Jackson, Emmerly and Mary Grant, Eliza Mosely, Josephine Butter, Hatta Demus, George Warfield, Nancy Yose, Ann Hackney, Mary Brady. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—M. N. Baeter, Elizabeth Ditcher, H. H. and E. J. Scott, Emmerly and Henry Bolden, George Ditcher, Fielding and Mary Walker, Eli Curry, Nuton Skinner, Jennie Whitely, Ellis Hobinson, P. C. Baxter, Francis Dix, Mary E. Madley, Ida Carter, Mary Catline, M. J. Carter, N. E. McClure. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Eli and Elizabeth Truely, Josephine Fortune, George Smothers, C. V. and Nellie Grant. The following persons paid 75 cents each:—C. A. and Minerva Jenkins. Total $36.00.

OIL CITY,—REV. WALTER S. LOWRY, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Robert Mann, John Lucas, William and Lida Franklin, Rev. R. M. Green, Peter Bryant, Elizabeth Bassett, Robert Gray, C. H. Orberson, Martha A. Walker, Jessie Barrett, Charles Simons, Levi Nusom, Ruth Hopkins, Noble Johnson, Jurry Williams, Lucindy Bryant, Sister E. J. Harris, Emma Hill. Ben Green, sister S. T. Lucas, Bro. S. T. Lucas, Bessie Lucas, Wm. A. Henson, Carrie Peterson, John Murphy, John Ashby, Tempy Gray. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Andrew and Sister A. Bolden, Sister L. Williams, Bell Jackson, Sarah Jurkins, Annie Hutchison. Total, $31.00.

TITUSVILLE, TRINITY CHAPEL.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Lida A. Lowry, John Neal, F. M. Rakes, George White, George Humphries, Laura Neal, John Krimey, Henry J. Robinson, Annie E. Jackson, Lida J. Lett, Ruth Numan, Francis Johnson, Martha Neal, Sister E. Hookins, Catherine and William Hector, John and Charlotte Clark, Annie White, Elizabeth Degrugh, Henry M. Gregery, I. H. and M. J. C. Thomas, Jane Neal. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Levina Hartshorn, Margret Brown, George Scott, Carrie Harper, Elias Degraw, Sister M. J. Hartshorn, Frank Thomas, James and Jennie Rollens. Maggie and Laura Rollens each paid 25 cts. Total $30.00. Grand total, $61.00.

MEADVILLE, PA.—REV. J. W. JEFFRIES, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Frank Henry, R. B. Penuman, Charles Allen, Matilda Green, Hattie Pratt, Emma Jackson, Alice and C. M. Glaspy, Ellen Chinn, Margret Henderson, Eliza Henderson, Isiah Jackson, Maggie Lyerly, Samuel Green, R. M. and Mary Henderson, Ellen Allen, Rachel Wright, Clara Robinson, Samuel Miller, Willis Sharp, Jane Dickerson, Lena Henry, Sister Gardner. John Gordon and Clara Miller each paid 75 cents. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Hannah and E. P. Henderson, Lida Gordon, A. Clark, Wm. Austin, Jane Sharp, Elizabeth Penuman, Elizabeth Jeffries, Jane and Louisa Hill, William and Kate Scott. Annie Bridget, Florence Scott and Jennie Hudson paid 25 cents each. Total, $34.50.

BROWNSVILLE, PA.—G. W. WEBSTER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—James Carpenter, Jane Check, E. M. Flood, Mary E. Turner, Lucinda Arnett, M. E. Black, B. T. Tilghman, Permelia Nixon, Elizabeth Alexander, B. L. Simpson, James Thompson, S. E. Workman, Richard Johnson, Henrieta Robinson, C. O. Johns, M. J. Webster. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Jane Simpson, Sarah Thornton, C. K. Strange, Grace Strange, Wm. and Julie Johns, Jane Florence, E. Hamilton, Mary Smothers, James Black, E. Workman. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—E. Banks, E. Tilghman, R. Stewart, R. King, E. Simpson, S. Patterson, J. Thornton, R. Honesty, M. York, Zorah Bird, L. Mossett, Martha Bolden, Tafeat Turrell, C. and M. Bolden, L. Cain. Total, $25.50.

MONONGAHELA CITY, PA.—W. H. PALMER, M. D., PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Rev. W. G. Ralph, Peter Bowman, John H. Lewis, Clara West, Rachel Kemper, James Jones, Sarah Oliver, Elizabeth Griffin. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Bro. Daniels, F. Fergerson, John Turner, Ella Weirs, Matilda Wright, Lottie Brooks, Annie and Mary Jones, Louisa and Charles Crable, E. N. Thompson, Lenora Brooks. Margret Fergerson paid 80 cents. Elizabeth Doughty paid 75 cents. Ferman West paid 10 cents. Martha Alexander paid 35 cents. The following paid 25 cents each:—Nettie Lewis, Frederick Randolph, Mary Taylor. Total, $16.50.

WEST BRIDGEWATER CIRCUIT.—J. M. MORRIS, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Lewis Ash, James Butler, A. W. Turner, Rev. John Carter, Clariey Ash, Ruth Webster, Katie Boice, Harriet Butler, E. J. Arshorn, Rutha Ann Patterson, Sidney Freeman, Lucy Tanner, Elizabeth Simpson, Lida Ash, Katie Ford, David Simpson. Katie Harris paid $2.00. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Rachel Cole, Martha Butler, Jane Carter, Annie Peters, Nelson Scroggins, Minnie Tanner, George Hicks, Marsh Herbert. Mary Evens and Mariah Ash each paid 75 cents. Clara Ford paid 25 cents. Total, $23.70.

SEWICKLEY.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—R. M. Morris, Sarah Dunger, Lyton Morris, Rosie Tucker, Alice Scott, Lida Johnson, Rebecca Williams, Ellen Costly, Lucinda Anderson. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Elizabeth C. Jones, Josephine Moset, Alice Steneberger, Annie Workman. Lucy Harris and Dannie Jones paid 20 cents each. Total, $12.50. Grand total, $36.20.

ERIE, PA.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—James, Emma and Chas. Franklin, Anna Johnson, W. H. Vandusen, Sophia Aviler, Benjamin Milligan, Mary A. Chavous, Ernest Powers, Isaiah Hurt, Henry Thornton, Carrie Howard, Martha G. Gordon, Dora West, John Thompson. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Nannie Rector, Sarah Powers, Ella W. Blackburn, Geo. W. McConnel, Mariah Rector. Phebe McConnel paid 25 cents.

BRADFORD, PA.—REV. B. MORGAN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—W. D. Lucas, A. H. Smith, Samuel Ames, F. R. Draper, Sisters Sisco, C. Thornell, A. J. Antey, O. J. Taylor, Sarah Ruly, Ames, Bros. A. Antey, David Thornell, E. Blackwell, George Brown, Frances Tucker, Stephen Guy. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—L. B. Thompson, Clara Harris, Virginia Bladen, G. Brown. Edith Lucas paid 25 cts.

OLEAN, N. Y.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Roger Laurence, Sister Willis, Sarah Laurence, T. Willis. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Sisters A. Virginea, Posy. J. Robinson.

DUQUESNE CIRCUIT.—M. S. JONES, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each'—Pleasant Green, Susan Bayze, Lucy Brown, Ella Lockly. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Louisa Bayze, Katie and Henry Minnie, David Derry, Becky Derry, Isaac and Lizzie Ross. Matilda Ross paid 75 cents. Samuel B. and Harry Ross paid 25 cents each.

DUQUESNE MISSION.

Thomas Weaver paid $1.00. Matilda Holmes paid 50 cents.

CHARLEROI MISSION.

Spottswood Strothers and Jerome Bowman paid $1.00 each. The

following persons paid 50 cents each:—Louisa Hughes, Rosa Strothers, John and Francis Richardson, Samuel Bowman. David and Jacob Norris each paid 25 cents. James Norris paid 15 cents.

FRANKLIN MISSION.—R. M. HENDERSON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mr. and Mrs. Seth Stevens and J. S. Lawson, Minnie Stevens Mr. and Mrs. D. Fields, Rev. James Lawson. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Emma Scott, Pricilla Henderson, Mrs. Rev. Lawson, Eliza Palmer, Sara Sinnes, Alfred Sinnes, Henrietta Sinnes, C. W., Mrs. C. W. and Plumer Henderson. Total, $6.50.

SNOWDEN MISSION J. W. SAUNDERS, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:- Peter Saunders, John Brokenbough. The following persons paid 50 cents each: Frances Saunders, Ving Brokenbaugh. The following persons paid 25 cents each: John Roberson, Rany Evens. Steler Saunders paid 35 cents.

BELLEVUE MISSION—JULIUS PAGE, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each: -J. C. Smith, Dennis Green, Cora White, Wue Warfield, Stella Green. The following persons paid 50 cents each: -Edward Redhy. Wm. Warfield, Sarah Green, T. V. Kee's. Ida Kee's, paid 60 cents. Bro. Wilson paid 25 cents. Total $7.85.

ELIZABETH—B. WHEELER, PASTOR.

The follawing persons paid one Dollar each:—Jane Martin, Mary Redman, Allice J. Batch, Maggie Norris, Rosa Pangburn, Hannah Mathews, Parthenia Haddox, Harrison Berry, James Batch, George McFarland, Joshua Davison, Amanda Holmes, Alfred Scott, Dorcas B. Scott. The following persons paid 75 cents each:--Frances Pangburn, Eltzah Pangburn, Frances Sounders, Haunah Davison. The following persons paid 50 cents each: -Elizabeth Scott sr, L. Davison, Anna McFarland, Washington Simmons, J. H. Pangburn, Anna Pangburn, Samuel Pangburn, Anna Wheeler. The fallowing persons paid 25 cents each: Sarah Fletcher, Armada Jones, Emma Davison, Ruth Davison, Margret Rice, James Batch Jr. Thomas Davison and Hannah Davison Jr., each paid 15 cents.

WEST ELIZABETH.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—Wm. Johnson, Sarah Jones Elmire Anderson, James Anderson, Monroe Randolph, Elizabeth Bazor, Lafayett Randolph, Elizabeth Wheeler. The following persons paid 50 cents each: Effie Randolph, Hattie Randolph, Emma Smith. Total $32.25.

WHEELING DISTRICT.—WASHINGTON, PA., —R. H. MORRIS PASTOR.

Eliza Buchanan, paid $2.00. The following persons paid one $1.50 each: -Newton Rideont, Alfred Crockett, Thomas Banks, Isaac Asbury, Minnie Jones, Mark Willis, and B. J. M. Brown, $300. The following persons paid $1;25 each:—Wm. Washington, Edward

Price. The following persons paid one Dollar each:—C. Reed, Jonathan Davis, Emma Kelly, R. H. Baker, Lewis Masbay, Samuel Shorter, Maggie Williams, Elizabeth Peck, Geo. Bruce, Elizabeth Monday, Caroline Johnson, Sarah J. Golden, Thimothy Chapman, J. E. Gliener, Adda Happer, Annie Banks, Nannie Mosboy, Caroline Berry, Chas. Hall, Rachel Skinner, Nettie Nelson, Mary F. Crockett, Frances Peck, Amanda Anderson, Jas Greenley, Ellen Jackson, Nancy Patterson, Wilzena Thomas, Eva Skinner, Libbie Skinner, Ella Brown, Sadie Berry, Elemora Mosboy, Frank Cole, G. W. Derham, Blanche Cox, Hettie Hall, Jennie Johnson, Hannah Bolden, Geo. W. Cain, Debbie Minor, Rosie Frame, MacAnderson, Braxton Barber, Abreham Berry, Jessie Peck, Christopher Patterson, Sarah McKeown (white), Clera B. Herron, Hannah Cury, Amelia Skinner, Danniel Johnson, Berdie Johnson, Ella Brooks, L. J. Ferrell, Caddie Bruce, Margant A. Morris, Margart Jones, Belle Freeman, Carrie Miller, Eveline Lewis, Wm. Groose, Caroline Manly, Frances Howard. The following persons paid 75 cents each:—Ersal Wheeler, S. G. and Mattie Walters, Narsis Asbury. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mrs. Nelly Thomas, John Adams, ser, Lorvena Beasley, Edisto and Lula Baker, Robert Adams, A. G. and Bell Skinner, Sarah McCurdy, Elmina Chapman, Lama Skinner, Nellie Thomas, Maggie Chapman, Fannie Johns, Sarah Bruce, Florence Manks, Lydia Cox, Sarah Banks, Julia Calwell, Alfred Crockett, ser, Mary Harris, Margaut Workman, Chancy Viney, Maggie Jorner, Caddie Smith, Lula Lame, Hannah Lama, Nora Lee, Lizzie Watts, Maggie Corbin, Clera Berry, W. E. Rutledge, Wm. Bowler, Wm. Cury, Sally Jackson, and Jane Chapman. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Amelia Henderson, Margaut Skinner, Wilmer Jorner, May Anderson, Geo. Motto, Sarah Curry, Florence Hatcher, Themie Bundy, Samuel Dorsey, Mary Baker and Jane Hilton. Total amount paid, $100,50.

CANONSBURG, PA—G. G. SKINNEER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one Dollar each:—Abreham Satterburg, Maria Satterburg, Pleasant Brooks, Rachel Wilson, Eliza Wheeler, Mary C. Hill, Charles H. Hill, Mary C. Mathews, John Cain, Tohmas Wheeler, William Thomas, Ellen Robison, John E. Harper, Daniel Bush. Samuel A. Warpeld, Charles Sackson, Joseph Norman, Mansfield Brown, Sarah Corwick, Annie Haydon, Hanah Brown, Annie E. Bush, Rachel Wilkins, William Clark, C. H. Staunton, John Davis, Bazle Henderson, Joseph Davis, David Caldwell, Moses C. Bush, Alice Norman, George Sluby, Robert Price, John Sottesburg, Jennie Sluby, Margut Sluby, paid 80 cents. The following persons paid 75 cents each:—Margut Butcher, Christopher Davis, Lucy Davis, Jennie Watts, The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Ledie Henderson, George Dusham, Minnie Dusham, Willie Wonfield, Martha Patterson, Robert Patterson, Amanda Skinner, Edith Alberts, Alfred Bush, Julia Curry, C. H. Mathews, John Morgan, Sarah Morgan Margut McCroby, Emma Kelly, Wamer Washington, Lizzie Washington, Ann Morgan, Ida Bush, Jemia Wheeler, Nathanie Hill, George Haydon, Annie and John Walls, Mary J. Hill, John J. Johnson, Mary A. Bush, Louisa Cattin, Sophia Harper, A. J. Bell, Mazie

McGant, Cathrine Williams, Cyrus M. Brown, Abreham Pool, John Webster, Jennie Pool, Maggie E. Wheeler, Sarah Webster, Ruth Brown, Peter Wheeler, Sarah A. J. Wheeler; George W. Williams, John Wilkins, Minie Hagdan, Bell Henderson, Solomon Alberts, Jr. Jessie E. Harper, and Mamie Harper each paid 35 cents. The following persons paid 25 cents each: Carrie Ashby, Annie Bush, Elmer McGrant, Thomas Johns, Ozie McGrant, Grant Henderson, Mary E. Johnson, Mary A. Scott, Mary A. Butler, Samuel Alberts. Haddie Brown, Bell Alberts and Thrisa Patterson, each paid 20 cents. The following persons paid 10 cents each: Felix McGoodney, Alonze Marshall, Edward Herrington, Mamie Bush, Alice ed Martha J. Morgan, Eva Scott, Lizzie Bush, Alphretta Brown, May Brown, Chas. Skinner, Charles Ross. Than Bush, Brya Bush, Granville McGrant, Grace Ford, Elmer Brown, Clark Brown. Alie Bush, Charlie Patter, and Davey Bush, paid 5 cents each. Total $68.60.

WHEELING, W. VA.—P. A. SCOTT, PASTOR.

The following persons waid $1.00 each:—Annie Whiting Barbara Sly, Lucinda Thompson, Martha Wiriters, Lucy West, Eliza Henderson, Cornelia Scott. The following paid 50 cents each:—Harriett Taylor, Martha Lewis, Julia Johnson, Lizzie Jackson, J. W. Swonsden, Mary J. Snowden, S. Jennings, R. L. Stalnoker, Clara M. Scott, Bertha Fletcher. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Jane Jackson, Malissie Dansbury, Francis Wardon. Total, $12,75

CLARKSBURG MISSION,—W. H. PRIDE, PASTOR

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Louisia Jaynes, E. J. Pride, Lizzie Johnson, Sophia Lee, Julia Ross, Allen Lee, Minervia Ashby, Mary Grayson, Agnes Ogden, Vionia Robinson, Leanna Robinson, Henry Robinson, Malinda Straitor, Margrett Miller, Eliza Frazier, Annie Orden, Hattie Wilkerson, Wm. A. Wilkerson, Julia Beckworth, Jack Robinson, Florida Giles. The following persons paid 50 cents eech:—May Wilson, Willa May Lee, James Robinson, G. P. Walker, Jessie Miller, Martha Jones, Sophia Westfall.

WEST MIDDLETOWN CIRCUIT, A. SMOTHER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid $1.00 each;—Mandaline Patterson, R. Murrells. Mamie Smothers, Zohn Payne. Mary Payne, David Payne, Mary Patterson, J. McUmphry, Eliza McUmphry, Wm. Dunlap, Allace Dunlap, Martha Harris, A. Patterson. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—E. M. McClelland, David Dempster, Ida Dempster; E. Harris, E. Wallace, Jennie Patterson, Cetta Boigier. Mary France, 38 cents. Thomas Dunlap and Eva Kelly paid 25 cents each, The following persons paid 10 cents each:—C. Dorsey, H. Dorsoy, Henry H. Harris, Sarah L. Harris. Total $17.78.

WELLSBURG, W. VA.

G. Timpers, $1.00, C. Green, S. Jones, 50 cents, A. Brown 58 cents, Pearl Dempster, 34 cents, Allace Zohnson, 20 cents Mamie

Smothers and S, Howard paid 25 cents, each. Sarah Bowman. 30 cents. Total 3.92, total 17.78; Grand total 20.70.

WAYNESBURG,—T. A. J. WEST, PASTOR.

The following paid $1.00 each:—Martha E. Ferrel, D. D. Ferrel, Sarah A. Baker, Fannie Cyes, Emley Baker, Adline Stewart, Catherine Workman, Wm. T. Baker, Alice Diggs, Nellie Workman, Jennie McDonald, Mary Workman, Margret Ponsue, John Stewart. Mary Rabbison, paid 75 cents. The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Elzrican Ponsue, Matty Lucy, Fred Diggs, Elizebeth Hickey, Annie Bruce, Kate Manley, Daisy Ferrel, Levis Brown, Lewis Workman. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—T. R. McMinn, Charley Robison, C. S. Hickey. Mr. Hugh, 15 cents Elzriean Ponsue, 12 cents. The following persons paid 10 cents each:—Thomas Wyley, Aolt Reynolds, Patty Seals, Westerfer Diggs, Harrison and Willie Lacy, Abe Ferrel, Surah Ponsul. John Bilby 5 cents. Total in full $20.92.

BLACKSVILLE W. VA.—T. A. J. WEST, PASTOR.

The following dersons paid $1.00 each:—Albert Bogest. William Alfred, Anny Davison. H. C. Spittsnogle. Jerry Davison paid $1.50, Sarah Alfred, paid 50 cents. The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Isaac Alfred, Thomas Alfred, Cale Davison, William Ponsue. Total $7.00.

PHILIPPI,—J. A. BAKER, PASTOR.

Jacob Brown paid $1.00. The following persons paid 50 cents each:— Agnes Armstrong, Susan Brown, Charlie Ross, Frank Tivelli and Joseph Baker, paid 25 cents each. Total $3.00

Financial Table of the Pittsburg Conference A. M. E. Church.

Charges.	Pastor.	Dollar Money.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elders.	Contingent	Bible Cause.	Missionary Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.	Education al Purposes	Church Extension.	Mite Missionary	Building and Repairs.	Total for all Purposes.	How long on Present Appointment
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	Cornelius Asbury	$ 130 00	$ 1 200 00	$ 140 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$181 56	$116 58	$141 50	$ 74 00	$	$ 515 00	$ 2 374 00	3 yrs 8
East End, Pittsburg,	George C. Sampson,	98 00	952 00	81 40	2 09	4 00	18 23	77 95	101 05	6 00		1 001 05	2 234 12	3
Altoona Station,	Joshua J. Norris,	18 00	509 00	28 00	1 25	1 00	13 00	14 85	30 00			200 00	801 10	2
Williamsport Station,	Richard Tanner,	74 00	720 00	79 20	2 00	2 00	16 50	9 00	9 00	4 50		1 000 00	2 194 57	2
Scranton Station,	Charles A. McGee,	32 50	697 00	48 00	1 00	1 50	10 25	20 31	10 00			253 70	780 35	1
Wilkesbarre Station,	Ishmael B. Till,	32 50	547 36	63 53	75	5 00	6 00	5 00	10 75	5 00		219 65	776 04	3
New Haven Station,	Cyrus N. Woodson,	24 25	401 00	21 50	6	1 00	5 35	14 85	20 00	4 80		323 00	764 00	1
Bellefonte Station,	Samuel C. Honesty,	40 00	500 00	48 00	50	1 00	10 00	20 31	21 34			151 24	885 18	2
Braddock Circuit,	Hartly G. Thomas,	26 25	526 00	46 00	50	30	2 05	1 50		1 20		1 626 00	2 427 00	1
Lewistown Circuit,	Owen T. Davis,	11 00	136 00	38 77	50	60	11 93			1 00		624 00	745 00	2
Phillipsburg Circuit,	Henry A Grant,	41 10	570 29	27 52	74	1 30	11 70	4 74	38 40	3 85		120 00	820 67	1
Bedford Circuit,	John W. Brown,	12 00	150 38	30 85	25	00	5 00		8 91	3 65		85 26	286 30	5 mo
Montrose Circuit,	D. J. Johnson,	20 00	320 00	31 00	50	50	1 65	2 50		1 50		42 75	442 15	1
Bloomsburg Circuit,	Hutchison Johnson,	7 00	286 14	13 21	25	13	2 28		4 75			90 12	405 98	6 mo
Greensburg Mission,	Wm. N. Young,	27 50	213 94	32 00	25	1 01	8 00	10 46	14 39			63 00	408 35	2
Tyrone "	Charles Garner,	9 00	110 00	9 92	25	25	2 90		4 00	1 50		72 00	194 47	2
Milton "	Sandy Christian,	2 50	136 00	16 74	00		11 93					22 00	256 70	2
Jersey Shore "	Charles Butts,		9 00	11 27	00							697 16	717 95	1
Pittston "	Israel Holmes,	8 40	27 00	2 00	00							69 35	107 49	
Burgettstown,	Charles Arnold,													
Brown Chapel, Alle'y Cy	I. N. Ross,	138 00	1 100 00	125 00	1 50	50	89 41	100 00	66 00	14 20		2 334 69	3 809 60	4
Chartiers Station,	D. F. Calliman,	80 00	1 087 80	52 23	2 00	1 00	25 34	35 35	32 00	5 00		1 349 33	2 516 40	1
South Side, Pittsburg,	Richard Brown,	13 10	592 93	51 61	1 00	1 00	1 56		12 16	2 07		185 48	902 02	1
Monongahela Station,	William H. Palmer,	16 50	365 00	32 00	1 25	50	18 75	8 00	4 00			485 75	805 25	3
Brownsville "	G. W. Webster,	25 00	408 00	55 35	75	50	9 08	5 00	14 22	3 50		391 65	992 28	2
Uniontown "	Carter Wright,	36 25	572 10	52 00	56 38	2 05	28 80	8 60	6 55	16 00		1 128 04	2 213 00	4
New Brighton "	A. E. Walden,	25 25	625 00	52 00	1 50	2 04	19 19	19 00	24 67	2 00		124 19	1 003 19	3
Meadville "	J. W. Jeffries,	31 75	550 00	45 70	35	50	5 00	4 84	9 72	2 40		382 65	971 29	1
Franklin "	R. M. Henderson,	6 50	238 40	38 55	50	50	1 00		2 35	1 00		76 80	387 53	1
Erie "	S. P. West,	18 75	483 14	43 00	50	75	3 25	13 40	16 65			109 68	726 72	1
Elizabeth Circuit,	Benjamin Wheeler,		650 00	62 20	1 10	1 35	28 50	5 00	32 64	5 64	11 83	142 44	1 089 76	2
Oil City "	W. S. Lowry,	61 00	800 00	66 00	1 42	1 00	101 23	12 00	73 00	1 50		1 240 00	2 000 65	4
Bridgewater "	J. M. Morris,	35 20	499 76	58 50	1 00	1 00	12 72	4 00	19 00	2 25		221 28	876 31	1
Bradford "	Benjamin Morgan,	23 50	469 00		1 00	3 00	6 93	2 90	3 10	2 75		32 00	565 43	1
West Newton, "	C. H. Brown,	17 00	509 76	52 00	50	1 03	9 00			2 50		100 00	686 28	1
Duquesne Mission,	M. S. Jones,	12 35	302 43	34 25					7 20			157 48	207 45	2
Olean, N. Y.	Rev. Post,													
Snowden, Orangeville,	John W. Saunders,	5 00	100 00	4 50	25	87	9 00	10 80		1 55		125 00	134 41	1
Belleview,	J. W. Page,	7 85	20 00	18 50										1
Wheeling, W. Va., Stat'n	Price A. Scott,	12 75	574 75	40 11	1 50	50	1 50	20 24	13 08	4 00		367 28	1 005 56	1
Washington, Pa. "	Richard H. Morris,	100 50	800 00	60 00	2 00	1 40	5 63	60 30	18 60	6 50		880 98	2 111 57	1
Cannonsburg, Pa. "	Geo. G. Skinner,	68 60	757 96	60 02	2 00	3 00	19 10	61 33	37 75	2 50		580 94	1 026 22	3
Waynesburg, Pa. "	T. A. J. West,	21 92	344 70	33 50		40	5 63	3 20	11 15	2 30		157 10	579 20	
Parkersburg, W. Va. "	J. D. Jackson,		41 29	16 17				3 60				290 00	351 12	5 mo
Charleston, " "	Elijah Bazier,											612 29	1 044 70	
Clarksburg, " Miss'n	Wm. H. Pride,	24 00	291 04	48 00	1 00		1 80	62 57	1 50	1 50		10 00	91 87	1
Morganstown, " "	L. N. Grim,													
Philippi, " "	Lewis A. Barber,	3 00	56 81	7 06				25 00						2
Boone, " "	Price Moore,													
West Middletown Circuit	Alexander Smothers,	21 70	249 54	24 75	50	4 35	4 35	12 00	2 00	3 30		154 57	194 21	1
		$2 318 45	$20 599 96	$1 771 77	$93 14	$42 74	$809 16	$775 24	$794 53	$190 05	$11 83	$18 913 96	$35 192 53	

Statistical Table of the Pittsburg Conference A. M. E. Church.

Charges.	Pastor.	Number of Schools.	Number of Teachers.	Officers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Educational Purposes	Missionary Societies.	Collection in Schools.	Other Purposes.	Collection in S. S. for Missions.	S. S. Union.	Mite Missionary Society.	Total Collection
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	Cornelius Asbury	1	29	9	315	6	515	$ 57 00	1	$ 225 00	$	$ 17 50	$ 6 00	$17 50	$ 306 50
East End, Pittsburg	George C. Sampson	1	7	5	72	6	143		1	41 14	10 00	22 00	2 00		85 50
Altoona Station	Joshua J. Norris	1	5	5	25		300	14 00	1	31 00		3 00	8 00		51 00
Williamsport Station	Richard Tanner	2	21	12	142	7	200		1	217 97	30 47	11 50	4 50		217 97
Scranton Station	Charles A. McGee	1	8	6	70	12	200	22 60	2	130 80		7 05	2 00		130 80
Wilkesbarre Station	Ismael B. Till	1	12	7	65	18	250	11 00	1	42 00		6 60	5 50		840 50
New Haven Station	Cyrus N. Woodson	1	4	5	30		95	11 46		70 40	72 00	100 00	2 45		256 26
Bellefonte Station	Samuel C. Honesty	2	13	13	80		114		2	69 60		13 00	5 00		89 60
Braddock Circuit	Hartly G. Thomas	2	8	10	47	8	120			22 42			1 20		23 62
Lewistown Circuit	Owen T. Davis	2	8	10	55	3	300	6 50	2	40 85	203 17	54	1 00		40 85
Phillipsburg Circuit	Henry A. Grant	2	6	6	53	7	420	3 20	2	37 85	4 50	11 37	3 85		60 71
Montrose Circuit	D. J. Johnson	2	6	6	22	1	375			12 95			1 50		14 45
Bloomsburg Circuit	Hutchison Johnson	2	7	8	52	3	548		2	54 00			2 40		54 00
Greensburg Mission	Wm. N. Young	2	6	7	48	1	255	26 38	1	25 33		3 51	2 50		57 92
Tyrone "	Charles Garner	1	4	8	29		150		1	39 98	7 97	2 62	1 50		53 15
Milton "	Sandy Christian	2	3	5	40				1	25 00		38			25 38
Jersey Shore "	Charles Butts	1	2	2	28		25			3 00					3 00
Pittston "	Israel Holmes									55					55
Burgettstown	Charles Arnold														
Bedford Circuit	John W. Brown	2	6	6	30		100		1	9 86			3 65		14 51
Brown Chapel, Alleghany Cy	I. N. Ross	2	23	5	216	50	450	23 81	1	151 81	190 82	50 06	14 20		422 34
Chartiers Station	D. F. Calliman	1	5	4	52	4	210	15 00	1	24 02		12 34	5 00		56 34
South Side, Pittsburg	Richard Brown	1	4	7	25		152	3 06	1	31 21		6 56	2 06		42 89
Monongahela Station	William H. Palmer	1	5	7	69	8	108	6 00		38 50	5 40	3 00	2 00		54 90
Brownsville "	G. W. Webster	1	10	7	80	1	90		1	65 61			3 52		69 13
Uniontown "	Carter Wright	1	8	10	80		248	6 00	2	27 75		6 00	6 00		33 75
New Brighton "	A. E. Walden	2	7	12	103	12	200	24 07	2	41 99		2 54	1 50		41 99
Meadville "	J. W. Jeffries	1	7	7	50	9	300		7	19 36		7 10	2 47		31 51
Franklin "	R. M. Henderson	1	5	7	35	2	100	2 38		11 00		4 00			23 66
Erie "	S. P. West	1	6	5	64		63	13 59	1	22 20	21 62	4 93	4 42		64 76
Elizabeth Circuit	Benjamin Wheeler	2	14	14	106		206	24 35	2	21 93	9 00	23 00	5 03		77 91
Oil City "	W. S. Lowry	2	10	8	125	5	500	50 00	4	47 00		24 87	1 30		123 37
Bridgewater "	J. M. Morris	2	5	5	35	1	450	19 00	1	8 00	7 00	5 77	2 50		42 27
Bradford "	Benjamin Morgan	2	8	8	65	23	46		2	34 00			2 12		36 12
West Newton "	C. H. Brown	2	7	16	65	4	102	9 00	2	31 00		13 03	2 50		55 53
Duquesne Mission	M. S. Jones	3	10	12	66	2	150	22		19 60					19 82
Olean, N. Y.	Rev. Post														
Snowden, Orangeville	John W. Saunders				10	18							1 55		1 55
Belleview	J. W. Page	1	6	4	40	16	70			24 50	64 00				88 50
Wheeling, W. Va., Stat'n	Price A. Scott	1	4	3	30	6	350	3 08		22 35			4 00		29 39
Washington, Pa. "	Richard H. Morris	1	19	7	271	118	200	33 40	2	85 88			6 50		92 38
Cannonsburg, Pa. "	Geo. G. Skinner	1	11	7	154	30	450	30 00	1	205 45		19 10	2 50		257 05
Waynesburg, Pa. "	T. A. J. West	1	7	7	48	13	150			22 36			2 35		41 31
Parkersburg, W. Va. "	J. D. Jackson	1	3	4	20		200	1 69		1 11					2 80
Charleston, " "	Elijah Bazier														
Clarksburg, " Miss'n	Wm. H. Pride	3	7	11	73	49	125	17 00		21 72			1 50		40 82
Morgantown, " "	L. N. Grim														
Philippi, " "	Lewis A. Barber	2	4	6	34	4	22			1 85					1 85
Boone, " "	Price Moore														
West Middletown Circuit	Alexander Smothers	2	9	8	60		40	13 24	2	38 90	10 00	3 00	3 30		67 44
		66	219	319	3,255	437	8,322	$148 85	49	$2 128 80	$635 95	$377 41	$116 05	$17 50	$4,025 70

Charges.	Pastor.	Number of Members.	Probationers.	Local Preachers	Exhorters.	Churches.	Indebtedness.	Value.	School Houses.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	Cornelius Asbury	459	40	2		1	$ 1 000 00	$ 110 000 00				3
East End, Pittsburg,	George C. Sampson,	153	2	1		1	1 028 00	3 000 00				
Altoona Station,	Joshua J. Norris,	23				1	400 00	3 000 00				
Williamsport Station,	Richard Tanner,	135	7			1	402 00	15 000 00				
Scranton Station,	Charles A. McGee,	55	17	1	1	1		4 000 00				
Wilkesbarre Station,	Ishmael B. Till,	66	15	4		1	741 76	2 000 00				
New Haven Station,	Cyrus N. Woodson,	37	4		1	1	401 25	3 000 00				
Bellefonte Station,	Samuel C. Honesty,	80	1	3		2	79 00	3 000 00				
Braddock Circuit,	Hartly G. Thomas,	65	6	3	1	2	2 449 30	6 000 00				
Lewistown Circuit,	Owen T. Davis,	30	1	2		2	330 00	203 00				
Phillipsburg Circuit,	Henry A Grant,	26	3	1		2	240 00	1 200 00				
Montrose Circuit,	D. J. Johnson,	28		1		2	27 00	2 000 00				
Bloomsburg Circuit,	Hutchison Johnson,	38	3	1		2		3 000 00				
Bedford Circuit,	John W. Brown	32	3	1		2	228 00	1 500 00				
Greensburg Mission,	Wm. N. Young	30	1	2		1	26 00	2 000 00				
Tyrone "	Charles Garner,	11	1			1	300 74	750 00				
Milton "	Sandy Christian,	23				2	38 00	2 000 00				
Jersey Shore "	Charles Butts,	12				1	42 50	1 000 00				
Pittston "	Israel Holmes,	15					10 00					
Burgettstown,	Charles Arnold,	16	2				50 00					
Brown Chapel, Alle'y Cy	I. N. Ross,	280	7	7	1	1		3 300 00				
Chartiers Station,	D. F. Calliman,	80	1	1	1	1	1 500 00	5 000 00				
South Side, Pittsburg,	Richard Brown,	36	3			1	42 20	2 200 00			1	
Monongahela Station,	William H. Palmer,	67	1	1	1	1	3 572 00	8 000 00				
Brownsville "	G. W. Webster,	120	6	1		1	73 00	3 000 00				
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ERRATA.

The secretary, not having an opportunity to read the proof of the first 14 pages of the minutes, it is due him and the persons concerned, that the following corrections be here noted:

On page 3, W. S. Lowry instead of J. W.

On page 4, J. J. Norris instead of Morris.

On page 5, Jersey instead of Jearse. "Shout and talk" instead of "that and talk." "A" in Monongahela should be omitted.

On page 6, Bumery instead of Cummery. H. T. Johnston, not H. F.

On page 7, "Up into thee, etc.," instead of Up unto thee."

On page 8, "Moral and religious instead of "Moral and religions." "Am gratified" instead of "are gratified."

On page 9, "Trust God, etc.," instead of "First God".

On page 14, $200.00 instead of $20,000. "Sierra" not "Siere."

On page 11, "On motion by D. S. Bently etc," instead of "On notice, etc."

On page 10, $2.50 not $2.60.

On page 28, should read $800.00 not $8.00 in reference to St. James Church.

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MINUTES.

First Day.—Morning Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 3, 1894.

The Twenty-seventh Session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church, assembled in Wayman's Chapel, A. M. E. Church, at 9:00 A. M. Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D., in the chair as presiding Bishop, who announced for the opening hymn, "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne, Etc.," which was heartily sung by the Conference. Dr. B. W. Derrick, Missionary Secretary, fervently and eloquently addressed the throne of grace.

Bishop Arnett read the xii chapter of Matthew for the Scripture lesson. The congregation then sang "A Charge to Keep I Have;" after which the Bishop addressed them as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN:

In this morning lesson we have one or two ideas relative to the Sabbath. God declares that it is good to do right on the Sabbath. On no day or occasion is it wrong to do right. The Ceremonial law says, "it is wrong to do right," but the Gospel says, "it is right to do right on all occasions."

The Bishop illustrated this idea by a forcible reference to the citation, "What man shall there be among you that shall have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath day, will not lay hold on it and lift it out?"

If this is the spirit of the Christian Sabbath in respect to animals, how much more should we do good to our fellow men.

The Jewish Sabbath was a day of seclusion towards family associations.

The Christion Sabbath is a day of communion, rest, spiritual association and development. The Christian Sabbath opens the door of the eye and the mind.

The German Sabbath is a day of social amusements to the exclusion of moral and spiritual improvement.

The Spanish Sabbath is a day of excitement, consisting in bull-fights and exciting amusements.

The American Sabbath is one of worship, devotion and reverence to God. This is the Puritan idea. The Christian Minister should see that this principle is not supplanted, and robbed of its proper place.

Are Sunday picnics, Camp-meetings, where ice cream and such like are sold, conducive to the moral and spiritual development of the people? The home, the soul and the body are to be considered in this matter. "The whole man must be benefitted in this case, in order to be benefitted." I am glad we have met to see what is good for the sheep and the oxen. This is the thing.

The Conference Roll was called by D. F. Caliman, Secretary for last year.

The Bishop announced the transfers of Rev. W. H. Coston and Rev. Joseph P. Stevens, from the North Ohio Annual Conference to the Pittsburg Annual Conference, and Daniel Newsom from Ohio Conference.

By motion of W. H. Brown, P. E., David F. Caliman was placed in nomination for secretary. The same prevailed, resulting in his re-election. Richard Tanner and W. H. Palmer were nominated for re-election for Recording and Statistical Secretaries, respectively. The motion carried, resulting in their election. Pending the vote of W. H. Palmer, some objections were offered to his election by reason of some omissions occurring in the statistical table of last year. It was decided that the matter would be more carefully looked after.

By motion it was ordered that S. Christian and L. A. Barber be the Marshalls of the Conference. The four seats from the altar were, by motion, fixed for the bar of the Conference. Price A. Scott was made Conference Postmaster, and H. A. Grant was elected reporter for the *Christian Recorder* and other papers.

Dr. D. S. Bentley submitted the following resolutions to wit:

WHEREAS, We live in an age subject to great changes in both church and state.

WHEREAS, In the removal of the Rev. Daniel A. Payne, D. D., L. L. D., by death, the Rev. B. W. Arnett, D. D., comes to us in the spirit of Christ, to preside over the Twenty-seventh Session of the Pittsburg Conference.

WHEREAS, Bishop Arnett brings to us many honors which he has, by untiring efforts and zeal, won for himself and the A. M. E. Church as well. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender to God our grateful thanks for having provided us with a presiding officer possessing such rare attainments. And be it further

Resolved, That we pledge him our support in whatever

way the cause we represent can be promoted and his administration made a grand success.

D. S. Bentley,
D. F. Caliman.

Pending the adoption of the above, Dr. B. W. Derrick spoke in most glowing and fitting terms of Bishop Arnett, as the Elisha, the most fitting of all the bishops to receive the mantle of the sainted and departed, Daniel A. Payne, the Elijah of the race. He heartily endorsed the resolution. W. H. Brown, P. E., also endorsed the resolution by an appropriate speech. The Conference voted unanimously for the adoption of the resolution.

The following ministers were introduced to the Conference:—P. C. Walker of the M. E. Church, Wheeling, W. Va.; W. C. Gains of the Baltimore Conference, A. M. E. Church; Rev. Hestin of the M. E. Church; J. M. Ross, J. P. Stevens, I. A. Collins, W. T. Anderson, Oscar Scott, J. W. Asbury, Alex. Moran of the A. M. E. Church of the North Ohio Annual Conference; Mrs. I. A. Collins, President of the Mite Missionary Convention, and Mrs. Nasmyth, Missionary from Africa, were also introduced to the Conference. Mr. Moyazo Fanele Sakie, a native of Africa, (adopted name, Daniel A. Payne,) was presented to the Conference by Bishop Arnett, who stated that Brother Payne's intention is to attend the Payne Theological Seminary, and when he shall have completed his course, he is to return to his native land as a missionary.

The Standing Committee on reports was announced, which are to wit:

On State of the Church and Country—Cornelius Asbury, J. W. Riley, Charles A. McGee.

On Sunday-schools—Richard Tanner, R. M. Henderson, C. H. Brown.

On Education—J. M. Morris, H. G. Thomas, S. C. Honesty,, A. E. Waldon, R. H. Morris.

On Bible Cause—I. B. Till. Alex Smothers, J. J. Norris.

On Temperance—I. N. Ross, S. Christian, Richard Brown, C. Wright, D. F. Caliman.

On Missions—W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson, W. N. Young.

On Admission—George C. Sampson, I. B. Till, G. G. Skinner, I. N. Ross, J. W. Riley.

On First and Second Year's Studies—W. H. Palmer, B. Wheeler, W. H. Brown.

On Third and Fourth Year's Studies—C. Asbury, W. S. Lowry, R. H. Morris, D. S. Bentley, R. Tanner.

On Finance—W. H. Brown, P. A. Scott, W. S. Lowry, B. Wheeler, I. N. Ross, C. Asbury, J. M. Morris.

On Circuits and Stations—The presiding elders, C. Asbury, W. H. Brown, J. W. Riley. Additional—D. S. Bentley and Charles McGee.

On Memoirs—D. S. Bentley, D. F. Caliman, R. H. Morris, Alex Smothers, S. C. Honesty.

The reports were next called for and the preachers of the Allegheny district proceeded to report in order. (See statistical tables). West Newton, Duquesne, Bradford, Bridgewater reporting at the afternoon session.

Dr. Johnson, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The reports of the Pittsburg district commenced, but the time for adjournment having arrived, the Conference adjourned by singing "Try Us, O God," etc.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

First Day.—Afternoon Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., Oct. 3, 1894.

Conference re-convened at 2 p. m., Bishop Arnett in the chair. Singing, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Dr. Coppin, editor of the *Review*, C. T. Shaffer, M. D., secretary of Church Extension, and John Dickerson, of the North Ohio Annual Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Reports, continued—R. M. Henderson, G. W. Webster and M. S. Jones, of the Allegheny district, made their reports. J. J. Norris, R. Tanner, C. A. McGee, I. B. Till, H. G. Thomas and D. J. Johnson's work was reported. T. J. Simmons, H. A. Grant, S. Christian, W. N. Young, Charles Garner, J, W. Brown, T. B. Bynum and Israel Holmes, of the Pittsburg district, made their reports. The Wheeling district reported in order.

(NOTE.)—The reports, notwithstanding the hard times, were commendable, but showed a slight decrease over last year.

The questions per discipline were next taken up.

13. What preachers admitted on trial? Answer—See report on admission.

14. Who remain on trial? Answer—R. Bummery, E. Bazier.

15. Who are admitted or re-admitted to full connection? Answer—See report on second and third year's studies and action of Conference.

16. Who are the deacons? Answer—See Conference roll.

17. Who have been elected and ordained deacons and elders this year? Answer—See report on second and fourth year's studies.

18. Who have been located this year? Answer—See Conference roll.

19. Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the episcopal office in and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church? Answer—Alexander W. Wayman, Henry M. Turner, Wesley A. Gains, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abraham Grant, Benjamin F. Lee, Moses B. Salters and James A. Handy.

(NOTE)—Bishop Payne died at Wilberforce, Ohio, November 29, 1893, and was buried at Baltimore, Md. Bishop Thomas D. Ward died at Jacksonville, Fla., on June 10, 1894, and was buried at Washington City, D. C.

20. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Answer—See Conference roll.

21. Who are the superanuated preachers? Answer—W. G. Ralph.

22. Who have been expelled from the connection by the Conference? Answer—No one.

23. Who have withdrawn this year from the Conference and connection? Answer—No one.

24. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Answer—The characters of all the preachers have been examined and found blameless.

25. What members of the Conference have died this year? Answer—See memoirs.

26. Where are the preachers stationed this year? Answer—See appointments.

27. Where shall our next Conference be held? Answer—Wilkesbarre, Wylie Avenue and Washington, Pa., having been named; but the former named place was chosen by a large majority.

28. When shall we hold the next Annual Conference? Answer—At the time appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

Bishop Arnett said that each candidate should procure the books on Conference Studies and take a semi-annual examination at the District Conference, and take the other half at the Annual Conference. He stated, moreover, that if the preachers did not go to Payne Seminary, it would be brought to them. The preachers must study. Any man coming to the Annual Conference without books, or smoking cigars, will be left without an appointment. The pew is not to be higher

than the pulpit. "Study" is the watchword. A trained man is put at the head of each committee. "The standard must not be lowered." "Give the candidate a thorough examination and then they will have their proper standing."

Dr. Coppin being presented, stated that he was gratified to renew his acquaintance with the Pittsburg Conference. The claims of the *Review* were presented in his usual attractive and interesting manner. He commended the members of the Conference for their promptness in responding to the subscription roll. "All aggressive ministers should read the *Review;* we are on trial, not for slavery, but for citizenship. We are severely put to the test." A few minutes were given to the brethren to subscribe. The result was gratifying to the extreme.

The time having arrived for adjournment, "Together Let Us Sweetly Live" was sung, and the Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

First Day—Evening Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 3, 1894.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair. Opening devotional exercises consisting of singing, "Jesus the Name High Over All," announced by the bishop. Rev. Shaffer, M. D., fervently addressed the throne of divine grace, invoking heaven's benediction upon the brethren of the Conference and the bishop. "We Praise Thee, O Lord" was pleasingly and earnestly sung by the choir, the congregation heartily joining in.

Bishop Arnett said:—"We have met to receive the formal and usual welcome—Some things we know very well; but we like to be told about them. There is something peculiar about the word "welcome." There is music in it. We have not come to listen to the words of welcome and responses of our education alone, but to hear words of welcome from the mayor of the city of Wheeling." Who being introduced by Bishop Arnett, made a very earnest address. (See Addresses.)

The choir sang, "Toiling On," when Presiding Elder Riley, being introduced by the bishop, proceeded to deliver the welcome address in behalf of the district and citizens of Wheeling. Rev. Riley spoke of the needs of the district and of the arduous work necessary to develop the vast mission-field of West Virginia.

Next was introduced Mr. McMechen of Wheeling, who delivered an instructive and eloquent address, graphically describing the wonderful progress and development of the

Educational interests of the race, public school system and future prospects of the negro. The choir sang, "O Galilee."

Rev. I. N. Ross was introduced as the first speaker for the response. In behalf of the members of the Pittsburg Conference, and in the name of the blessed Master, Rev. Ross eloquently responded to the warm words of welcome by the previous speakers.

Dr. Coppin, by request of Bishop Arnett, sang, "Marching Must Be Done," the congregation heartily joining in the chorus.

Bishop Arnett insisted that marching *must* be done, and considering the condition of things now, to those of twenty or thirty years ago, marching *has been* done.

Rev. D. S. Bentley was introduced as the second speaker for the response. He referred to his experience in the dark days of slavery and the marked development of the race since that time. "A broader manhood and womanhood should be the aim of the Christian Minister."

Rev. W. H. Palmer was introduced as the third speaker. Dr. Palmer, in his usual and happy style, responded most fittingly, to the delight of the appreciative audience. The choir sang very impressively, "God is Calling."

Bishop Arnett arose and said, "God is calling from all quarters of the globe." In referring to the approaching educational meeting, he said: "Each speaker would be measured for what he is worth. Some persons pass for a nickle; some for a dime; and so on up to a dollar. Some pass for a dollar intellectually, but morally they are worth only a nickle with a hole punched in it."

Rev. P. A. Scott, pastor in charge, being introduced to the Conference and audience, proceeded to deliver a most pleasing and eloquent address in behalf of the Church. (See addresses.)

Dr. Coppin sung that soul-cheering song, "The Church is Moving On."

"Some people think the Church is not moving, but it is ever on the aggressive."—Arnett.

Rev. Dr. Derrick being introduced, eloquently spoke in behalf of the General Officers. In his eloquent flow of rapturous thought, Dr. Derrick spoke of the special departments of the African Methodist Episcopal Church;—the Publishing department, in which the brain "wrapped up in the black man" has an opportunity to ventilate itself, through the medium of the A. M. E. Church *Review*, *Christian Recorder* and our Sunday-school publications.

The Church Extension department, about two years old, has collected and distributed over $20,000. The Financial department, paying to negro preachers annually over

$1,200,000. The Educational department—Wilberforce—the greatest intellectual lighthouse to the negro in the world, which conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Governor McKinley, of Ohio, the future president of the United States in 1896, and the Hon. Frederick Douglass, the orator of the negro race. The Missionary department, with her twenty-four missionaries distributed in Africa and in the isles of the sea. Our church, which we represent, is no small machinery, but by its intelligent operation the destiny of the race is being worked out.

With her nine bishops and seven general officers we meet all the great men of the Methodist body in common parlance. The Pittsburg Conference is only one arm of the great body.

In preparing men to go to heaven we are telling them how to live down here; to be men and women. It is not complexion, but condition that makes a man or woman resist insult and intrusion. The great country of Virginia owes us a debt, and we shall stay here to get the interest, if not the principle.

The choir discoursed some very charming and appropriate music, while the collection was taken up by the Finance Committee, amounting to $3.12.

Dr. Coppin made some very interesting remarks in respect to the value and importance of the A. M. E. *Review.*

H. A. Grant offered the following commendatory resolutions:

Resolved, That the addresses of the Honorable B. F. Caldwell, mayor of the city of Wheeling, West Va., Rev. P. A. Scott, Rev. John W. Riley, P. E., Mr. George McMechan, Rev. William B. Derrick, D. D., general secretary missionary department, A. M. E. church; Rev. Herbert Palmer, M. D., Rev. Daniel F. Bentley, D. D., and Rev. Isaac N. Ross, are in line with universal suffrage, which is our own contribution to the government.

Resolved, That the addresses of welcome, the manner in which they were responded to, and the address of Dr. Derrick, on behalf of the bishop and general officers, we highly appreciate and return to the speakers our thanks for their highly instructive addresses. H. A. Grant.

The same were adopted.

Rev. R. C. Ransom, of Cleveland, O., spoke in behalf of his book, "The Disadvantages and Opportunities of the Colored Youth." Price 25 cents.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Second Day.—Morning Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 4, 1894.

Conference convened at 9:00 A. M. Bishop Arnett in the chair. Opening, devotional exercises by Dr. Coppin, who announced hymn 311; "I'm Not Ashamed to Own the Lord." After singing, Rev. Coppin addressed the throne of divine grace. The minutes of the previous sessions were read, and after necessary corrections, were adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS—S. P. West of Erie, and O. T. Davis of Mt. Rose, made their reports.

The Conference resolved itself into a Missionary Society and resumed its session. For Missionary Committeemen, Dr. Palmer and W. S. Lowry were nominated. Lowry was elected, receiving 23 votes and Palmer 11.

W. H. Brown moved that appropriations be made to the Arnett Medal. The matter was referred to a private committee at the suggestion of Dr. Derrick.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference: W. H. Coleman, Ex P. E. of the North Ohio Annual Conference; Rev. Curtenly of Bridgeport; Rev. Wisher and G. W. Elliot of the Baptist Church.

The Conference Book Standard collected money for minutes. (See Report.)

Dr. Coppin occupied a few minutes in which he disposed of all his famous songs entitled, "Marching Must Be Done;" and quite a number of the July No. of the *Review*.

Rev. Eli McKnight of Waynesburg, Pa., made his report; the same was passed to the committee.

The bishop made inquiry of Brother McKnight as to his neglecting his Church for camp-meeting. Having received a notice that he went out to hold meetings in June and did not return until the 15th day of September. Mr. McKnight said it was a mistake. The matter was dismissed for an after consideration.

T. A. West made his report from Blacksville, W. Va. The bishop called the attention of J. W. Riley, P. E., to his (West's) report. As the case was similar to that of McKnight's it was deferred for further consideration.

Pending adjournment, and by the request of the bishop, Dr. Coppin sang, "Marching Must Be Done;" the Conference heartily joining in the chorus.

The time having arrived for Dr. Coppin to take his departure from the Conference, he kindly called the attention of the Conference to the pressing needs of the Publication department. He said, however, that should he receive the support from all the Conferences as he had from the Pitts-

burg Conference and some others, the department would be all right.

On motion by Rev. J. M. Morris, that we get the minutes published at our own publishing house, all things being equal. The motion prevailed.

A resolution was offered by Rev. Grant, endorsed and amended by Dr. Asbury, in reference to an earnest effort on the part of the members to circulate the *Review*. The amendment was accepted and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we are highly gratified with the visit Dr. Coppin has made us, and that we shall ever strive to keep in tune with the words of his music, and bear in mind that "marching must be done."

H. A. Grant,
C. McGee,
G. W. Riley.

Revs. G. W. Maxwell of Steubensville, O., and William Toliver, of Bainesville, O., were introduced to the Conference.

The hour having arrived to adjourn, "Up into Our Living Head" was sung. Conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Benediction by the bishop.

Second Day.—Afternoon Session.

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 4, 1894.

Conference reconvened at 2:30 p. m., Bishop Arnett presiding. Opening devotional exercises, consisting in singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," etc. The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The following persons were elected to serve on the Educational board and Sunday-school committee:

Educational Board—Revs. W. H. Brown, G. G. Skinner and R. H. Morris. *Laymen*—By motion, A. W. Tanner, of Bridgewater, Pa., and Charles W. Henderson, of Franklin, Pa.

Sunday-school Committee—By motion, G. C. Sampson, S. C. Honesty and Richard Tanner.

Rev. Blackingham, of the M. E. Church; Rev. Stevenson, of the W. Bridgeport M. E. Church; Rev. Coleman, of the N. O. Conference, A. M. E. Church; Rev. Swan, of the English Lutheran Ceurch, were introduced to the Conference.

The Conference joined in singing, as Dr. Coppin passed out of the Conference, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Dr. Shaffer, secretary of the Church Extension department, stated that he was delighted to come before the Conference in the interest of the department of which he was a representative. This being the first time a representative of this department has been present to present its claims. It was organized in May, 1892, went into effect in July; making the department a little over two years old. During the first year $4,820 was collected and more than twice that amount the second year. The Conference's attention was called to the second annual report, which shows a grand progress in their department as a beneficiary of the church.

This department appropriated to the Pittsburg Conference the amount of $350 in 1893, to wit: Chartiers street, Allegheny, Pa., $50; Parkersburg, W. Va., $300.

The claims and utility of this department were so ably and impressively presented by Dr. Shaffer, which fact will have a telling effect for good in time to come.

The following was submitted by order of the bishop:

THE IMPERATIVE NEEDS OF THIS DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH WORK.

Dear Bishops, Presiding Elders, Ministers and Members of the A. M. E. Church,

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Nothwithstanding the excellent work done by this department of church work, as shown in the above statement and as acknowledged generally by the thoughtful men and women all over the connection, we have as yet but just begun to touch the border land of the vast field of operation for this department, in the future development of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in this country, the isles of the sea and the great fatherland, in all of which the A. M. E. Church is destined, if faithful to God and her Divine calling, to play a most important part in the Christianizing and uplifting of the teeming millions of sons and daughters of Ham, who are now lifting up the plaintive voice, crying "Come over and help us." If, however. we are to be successful in accomplishing the work which is so manifestly marked out and opening up for us, there must be a more liberal and generous spirit manifested along this line in some quarters, instead of a disposition to complain because after possibly sending to the treasury a few hundred dollars, they do not get back in appropriations as many thousands. And instead of depleting the treasury, it must be allowed to recuperate, something must be left to accumulate a fund which may be utilized when great opportunities present themselves to strike a decisive blow for African Methodism and to meet great crises which arise, when

splendid property is about to be sacrificed and excellent vantage ground lost, and strongholds abandoned possibly forever for want of available funds. The pressing demands are so great as to suggest the absolute necessity of more money for the department.

At the May meeting of the board there were 110 applications placed before it, applying in the aggregate for the sum of $50,000. There was in the treasury available for this purpose including the cost of the board meeting $6,278.49, which as any one can see was only a drop in the bucket. And yet while the board distributed it to the most pressing and where they thought it would do the most to promote the cause of African Methodism, many complained that they did not get more, while some of those whose applications could not be considered then, thought it was terrible.

Dear Brethren, the board would be only too glad to grant every application in full, were it in their power—had they the money. Make Children's Day what it ought to be and it could be easily done; if every church and school would do their part on that day. Make it result in $20,000, $10,000 for this department. Then let every Conference add to the 10 per cent, of the 60 per cent. of Dollar Money; 10 per cent. of the 40 per cent. and very soon the board will have with interest $20,000 to appropriate annually, which would soon change materially the condition of our struggling churches and do a mighty work for God.

Again let the Conference boards be thoroughly organized and require that every application come through those boards, they seeing to it that no money be placed where there is not a strong probability of growth and vigorous development, nor where there is any likelihood of the loss not only of what they have, but that also which may be appropriated by this board. The general board cannot know the places, hence must rely upon the Local Conference boards.

Dr. C. T. Shaffer,

1821 Camac St., Philadelphia Pa. Cor. Sec'y and Treas.

The Conference went into session of Preacher's Aid Society at 4:00 P. M. and resumed regular business at 4:30.

The bishop called the attention of the Conference in reference to what school advantages each preacher has had. (See Report.)

The bishop announced that the Educational meeting would take place at the evening session. The speakers of the occasion are:—R. C. Ransom, Prof. Arnett and Dr. Shaffer.

The Committee on Finance made a partial report.

Conference adjourned by singing "O For a Closer Walk With God." Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Second Day.—Evening Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 4, 1894.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Conference re-convened at 7:45 P. M. Bishop Arnett in the chair. Devotional opening exercises consisting of singing, "Look and Live" by the choir. George W. Maxwell of the North Ohio Conference led in prayer, invoking the divine blessing upon the Church, Schools and Ministry. The choir sang, "I Will Not Forget Thee."

Bishop Arnett said, "to-night is set apart for the subject of education; especially Christian education."

Prof. B. W. Arnett, having been introduced, spoke as a representative of the Schools and Institutions of learning, and said:

"Our attention was first called to the elements of complete life, viz.: (1.) Work; (2.) God; (3.) Love. These elements, Work and God, constitute a completeness which is perfect. In reference to the third element, if man, it were grotesque; if woman, sentimental; but love makes them complete. When man is wrong it is on one or the other of these points."

"There is something implanted in our nature compelling us to look above and beyond ourselves; this is a universal idea. To it we owe all we are. Man has a spirit of inquiry and investigation. He is an educative being and therefore distinct from all other animals. He is the discontented animal, always striving after something that is beyond him—the moral, the intellectual and spiritual. God is all knowledge, man is capable of knowledge, He was made to grow. This principle is inwoven in his constitution, and hence he is always unfolding his powers. Education appeals to the popular mind." This point was graphically and logically brought out by reference to the impetuous education received under King Alfred and Martin Luther in which the erroneous idea, that education is only for a special class, was clearly disclosed."

Prof. Arnett clearly and logically held that it is possible for all men to become educated and develop along certain lines, should they follow out the law of harmony. Man is under obligation to make the most of himself along all the lines of usefulness. Harmony to law is the secret of success. We need more than one or two educated men to elevate the race. The masses must be educated. Value is in the individual but he must be polished.

The choir sang, "We Shall Stand Before the King," to the delight of all.

Bishop Arnett said, "We have had the subject of education on one side by Prof. Arnett, now we will have the side of the pulpit by Rev. Ransom of Cleveland, O."

Being introduced by Bishop Arnett, Rev. Ransom arose to the importance of the occasion, announcing that the subject of education was an enormous one, embracing the industrial, the intellectual and the moral. In referring to the general lines of development, he said every civilization has an ideal way, namely, the best way—the ideal form from which to mold character and sentiment. The Jews had their ideal in Moses. The building of our own manhood and womanhood has been left too largely to other hands. The idea that has gone abroad that a colored man cannot teach colored children, must be brought back, for it is false. "The man who spits on himself has not much respect for himself." Having left the building of our manhood too much in the hands of our white friends, they have molded us to suit themselves—generally to wear bib aprons. If developed properly, we must do it ourselves. Our future industrial interests must be taken into our own hands.

He also stated that the building of our moral and intellectual building had been too largely in the hands of others, and logically showed how and why the matter may, and should be reversed. Singing, "Far Away" by the choir.

In presenting Dr. Mitchell, Bishop Arnett said: "We have been hearing from the school-house and from the Church, now we will hear from the representative of the Payne Theological Seminary."

In reference to Wilberforce, Dr. Mitchell said that it was organized in 1856 by the Cincinnati Conference of the M. E. Church; re-organized in 1863 by Bishop Payne, and brought into the African Methodist Episcopal Church. When it was done, Bishop Payne and others had faith, strong faith in God. Purchasing it on faith, Bishop Payne succeeded with others, in making payments. In 1865 he, with others, succeeded in getting up another building, and it has been growing ever since. 130 from the different departments and 47 from the Theological department have graduated. These are out in fields of usefulness. The Doctor in respect to Endowment Day, said: "Endowment Day should be to Wilberforce or our Institutions, what the dollar money is to the Church." Next year he hoped it would be $6,000 to $8,000, and one-half of that come to Payne Theological Seminary. He hopes that scholarship will be established by all the Conferences. Payne Theological Seminary is a necessity. The schoolmaster is abroad, he is ringing his bell, by its peculiar sound he is calling the children at his feet. Colleges, Seminaries and Institutions of learning are springing up all around us.

What must we say about the pulpit. The pulpit must be above the pew. If not, the Church, finally will cease to exist.

"An educated pulpit is power, infinite power." A pulpit baptized with the Holy Ghost--the spirit of the eternal truth, is the greatest light-house in the universe. The great bulwark of Christian civilization. The pulpit must stir up men, set them on fire and lift them heavenward. The richest legacy to the A. M. E. Church is a consecrated pulpit thoroughly baptized with the Holy Ghost. Such an educated pulpit is rocking this world. To get it we must be willing to make the sacrifice. The intrinsic value of our calling—the salvation of souls--demands it.'

At the conclusion of this most intellectual feast a collection by the Finance committee was lifted, amounting to $10, during which time the Rev. W. C. Gains of Baltimore, sang to the delight of the vast audience, "Why Don't You Tell It?" and "Thy Sins Are All Taken Away."

The following resolutions, endorsing the splendid meeting and its object, were submitted by H. A. Grant.

Resolved, That we are glad that all through this country the influence of Wilberforce University is being felt, and we know that the origin of this may be traced to it, founded by the late Bishop, D. A. Payne, D. D., L. L. D., some years ago. We delight in the present, we delight in the past, and we may delight in the future as we train our young men and women to the service of Jesus Christ, as we train them in that institution where they come into touch with our own denominational life.

Resolved, That we endorse its management and are glad to say, (the absence of egotism) that no institution since its organization has done as much for the elevation of the negro as Wilberforce University. Palsied be the hand that strikes a blow at Wilberforce University.

Resolved, That Prof. B. W. Arnett, Jr., Rev. R. C. Ransom, B. D., of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. John G. Mitchell, D. D., Dean of Payne's Thelogical Seminary, have our thanks for their able defense of the cause of education, especially what the people are doing and have done along educational lines.

H. A. Grant,
Richard Tanner,
C. A. McGee,
I. N. Ross,
J. W. Jeffries,
R. H. Morris.

The Committee on Public Worship made its report. (See Reports.)

The time having arrived, Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Third Day.—Morning Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 5, 1894.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9:30 A. M. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair. Devotional exercises consisting in singing "I'm a Child of the King," led by I. N. Ross. Rev. John Dickerson of the North Ohio Annual Conference, led in a fervent and feeling prayer. "Only Trust Him" was sung by the Conference, led by H. A. Grant.

By motion it was ordered that the name of Jesse P. Wallace, student at Wilberforce University be entered on the roll.

Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Secretary of the Financial department, was introduced to the Conference, and also Dr. Bickley of the A. M. E. Church, an old friend of Bishop Arnett's, who entertained the Conference for a few moments by a cordial speech.

The report of Waymen Chapel, Wheeling, W. Va., was submitted by P. A. Scott, pastor.

Dr. J. G. Mitchell, being presented to the Conference, occupied a short time in presenting the claims of Payne Theological Seminary. He said this Institution came into existence in 1892, and that he had given it the name of "Miss Theologia." Such a school was organized three thousand years ago by Samuel. They were located at Gilgall, Jerico and Bethel. Bethel had fifty scholars, Jerico, one hundred.

The total debt on the Seminary is $8,957.50.

Dr. Mitchell recommended a grand rally to be held in the near future in the interests of the seminary, by the members of the Pittsburg Conference in their respective charges. One-half, at least if not all of the amount raised to go directly to the liquidation of the debt, and the other half to the church in which it is raised. He stated that the two Ohio Conferences heartily endorsed the plan.

Rev. R. C. Ransom stated that he thought it would be a good plan to organize a Wilberforce association in each of our cities, by organizing the graduates and students. He said that such an organization would be formed in Cleveland. The object being to meet once a month for literary and social reasons, and to promote as far as possible, the interests of Wilberforce.

By motion it was ordered that the Committee on Appropriations make such appropriations as they are able.

The following resolution was then offered:

WHEREAS, We believe the Payne Theological Seminary to be a most important factor in building up a strong ministry, with qualifications sufficient to meet the demands of the hour. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we the members of the Pittsburg Confer-

ence approve of the plans submitted by Prof. J. G. Mitchell, Dean of Payne's Theological Seminary.

Therefore, We pledge ourselves to do what we can in arranging for rallies at such times as will be suitable in raising money to meet the indebtedness there.

D. S. Bentley,
S. C. Honesty.

On motion by W. H. Brown that the Conference appropriate 10 per cent. of the 40 per cent. of the Dollar Money. The motion was lost.

Dr. Armstrong was introduced and spoke in respect to the Financial department. He stated that a general increase in the financial, intellectual and spiritual interests of the work was evident. The Dollar system, or law, is considered by Dr. Armstrong to be the best possible method in existence to meet the financial demands of the church. He said: "Present the cause as to the division of the dollar logically and plainly to the people and it will be paid. He recommended that the dollar should be collected according to the installment plan. It will be less than two cents a week, less than ten cents a month. Less than a postage stamp, less than thousands, and some of them members too, are throwing into the streets or wafted to the heavens as smoke.

The Financial department was ably presented by its efficient agent, Dr. Armstrong, in the following statement:

Financial Department A. M. E. Church, 1535 Fourteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

To the Bishop and Brethren of the Pittsburg Conference, Greeting:

Grace, mercy and truth attend your present session.

Dear Father and Brethren:— We herewith enclose the Twenty-second Annual report of our Financial Department. Notwithstanding the unsettled condition of the industry of the country and the stringency in money circles, the church has not neglected her institutions. We have done more for the cause of education in aiding our struggling schools, etc., and while we have not neglected our worn-out preachers, or the widows and orphans of our deceased ministers, we have done more for needy churches from the dollar collected through the Church Extension Society, than any previous year in the history of our church. It cannot be said at this day that the entire dollar money collected goes to pay the salaries of bishops and general officers. Total dollar money collected this fiscal year ending April 30, 1894, was

$85,379.75. Of this amount $34,151.90 was disbursed by the Annual Conferences. Of the 60 per cent. previously paid to this department, $5,122.78 was paid to the Church Extension Society; $7,000 to Educational work and $1,128.25 to the Publication Department, making a total of $13,251.03.

Yours for the work,

J. H. ARMSTRONG,
Financial Secretary.

It was ordered by motion that the Conference endorse by a standing vote, the rousing speech and cause of Dr. Armstrong.

Rev. C. P. Herrington of the North Ohio Annual Conference and Dr. Riker of the Fourth Street M. E. Church, Wheeling, W. Va., were introduced to the Conference.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, after singing "O For a Heart to Praise My God," Conference adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by Dr. Riker.

Third Day.—Afternoon Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 5, 1894.

Conference re-convened at 2:30 P. M. Bishop Arnett in the chair. Devotional exercises consisting in singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have." The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Singing, "God is Coming," led by C. P. Herrington.

Reports were then called for as follows:

The report on Bible Cause was submitted by Alex. Smothers. Exceptions were taken to the statement "ten thousand Bibles circulated." Bishop Arnett recommended that the report should read, "the Bible has a greater circulation than any other book in the world."

Dr. Shaffer upon taking his leave of the Conference, expressed his congratulations which evoked the following:

Resolved, That the second annual report and financial statement of the Board of Church Extension of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for the fiscal year ending May 3, 1894, is satisfactory to the members of this Conference. It is the youngest of all the departments of our church, but it has already demonstrated to us the fact that without it our progressive connection would have lost some of its valuable property.

Resolved, That we should strive to raise more money on Children's Day than at any time heretofore, in order to assist in putting the Church Extension Society in a condition that

will enable it to come to the rescue of those churches of our connection that are and may be in need of help from this department.

Resolved, That the visit of Dr. C. T. Shaffer, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Church Extension Society to the Pittsburg Annual Conference has been of profit to us, and we recognize in him an able and efficient officer of our beloved zion.

H. A. Grant,
I. N. Ross,
J. W. Jeferies.

The Sunday-school report was submitted by C. H. Brown. Pending its adoption, W. H. Coston recommended that due reference should be made of Mrs. Susan Ferguson (colored) as having been the first in organizing colored children into a Sunday-school. The report was adopted.

The report on third and fourth year's studies, submitted by R. H. Morris. Pending its adoption, a question was raised relative to the irregularity of T. J. Simmon's recommendation, and by motion of D. S. Bentley it was voted that Simmons case be referred to the Committee on Admissions. The report was then adopted.

On motion of D. S. Bentley it was ordered that the Conference give to H. A. Grant a duplicate of his former ordination parchment.

The report on first and second year's studies was submitted by Dr. Palmer. The same was adopted with the following order: That R. H. Bummery be ordained deacon under the missionary rule; by motion of W. S. Lowry.

Bishop Arnett said his convictions were that after a man had traveled one year he should be ordained. If the Lord calls a man to preach he calls him to baptize.

The report on temperance was submitted by the secretary. The same was discussed by members of the Conference, to wit: W. H. Palmer, (endorsing the report, except that portion of it which refers to opium and tobacco) J. M. Morris, I. N. Ross, Dr. B. W. Derrick, D. F. Caliman, G. C. Sampson, and H. A. Grant. By motion, the report on temperance was adopted. (See reports.)

By motion of W. H. Brown it was voted that G. W. Webster, who sustains the capacity of a local deacon, be referred to the Committee on Admissions. A similar motion prevailed in reference to Charles Garner.

After singing, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Third Day.—Evening Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 5, 1894.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Conference re-convened at 7:45 P. M. Bishop Arnett presiding. Devotional exercises consisting in singing by the choir, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Carter Wright led in prayer. The choir sang, "From the Silent Shades."

Bishop Arnett said, "we are here to look over the field and to consider the relation our church sustains to the evangelization of the world, and especially to Africa. When I say our people I speak it advisedly—the universal idea of Christianity is implied.

Mrs. H. N. Nasmyth, missionary from Africa, being introduced as the first speaker, gave an extensive account of heathen life, its degrading influences and deplorable customs. Her description of the awful degradation of the woman; their slavish and subjected position will, we trust, awaken a deeper sympathy and interest in respect to our duty and relation to our dear women in Africa. Among the many important things told us, she said, "if the heathen is not converted, though he may be highly educated, will go back into heathenism." Her appeal to the audience in behalf of Africa was expressive of Mrs. Nasmyth's devotion and worth to the blessed cause she represents.

"Jesus the Lamb For Sinners Slain" was heartily sung by the choir.

Brother Moyazo Fanele Sakie, (Daniel Payne) was presented by Bishop Arnett. He said: "I stand here as a monument of what missionary money has done." He spoke of the great difficulty the missionary experienced in making the natives understand the meaning of terms expressed in our language. On one occasion the text, "Saul! Saul! why persecutest thou me?" On being miss-interpreted it was understood to mean, "salt! salt! why art thou not in the soup?" He also said, "the real civilization and evangelization of Africa depends largely upon the efforts of the Christian intelligence of the American negro." A beautiful poem was read by our brother. "I Have Left My Home and Journeyed On" was pathetically sung by him to the delight of all. Brother Payne concluded his address by reciting the Lord's prayer in Kaffir tongue.

After singing, Rev. J. P. Stephens of Jamaica, who came to America over twenty years ago was introduced.

Bro. Stephens spoke quite extensively. Among the many good things related was his complete victory by divine grace

over rum and tobacco. In his opinion the salvation of Christ lifts men up and out of these customs so prevalently and tenaciously held by the heathen.

The choir heartily sang, "God is Coming" led by C. P. Herrington.

Dr. Derrick, Missionary Secretary, came on as the last speaker. His theme, "The Gospel in All Lands," was presented in descriptive and beautiful language, full of information, inspiration and interest to all whose good fortune it was to be present.

At the conclusion a collection for Africa was lifted by Elders W. H. Brown and W. S. Lowry. Amount collected $10.79.

After some announcements by the bishop the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Derrick.

Fourth Day.—Morning Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., Oct. 6, 1894.

Conference assembled at 9:30, Bishop Arnett presiding. Devotional exercises, consisting of singing "We Are Marching to Zion," led by W. H. Palmer. Prof. Scott, of Wilberforce University, led in an earnest and pointed prayer. Singing, "Precious Promise," by the Conference. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved, after necessary corrections.

By motion, it was ordered that, as the parchment of L. A. Barber having been burned, the Conference furnish him with another one.

The report on Stations and Circuits was submitted. On motion it was voted that the report be adopted by sections.

Section 1.—Adopted.

Section 2.—It was ordered that McConnellsburg and Mercersburg be detached and made missions.

Section 3.—Not confirmed, and by motion it was ordered that West Newton and McKeesport remain as they are.

Section 4.—Adopted.

Charleroi made its report through Henry Smith, steward.

The Conference joined heartily in singing "I'm a Child of the King."

Presiding elders, Dr. Asbury, William H. Brown and John W. Riley, respectively, submitted their annual reports. (See reports.)

At the conclusion of the reading of each report the Conference heartily joined in singing.

A resolution by Presiding Elder Riley and W. H. Pride, pastor of Clarksburg church, W. Va., was submitted, asking

for an appropriation of $150 for said church. The same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Public Worship made an additional report, after which Conference adjourned with doxology. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Fourth Day.—Afternoon Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 6, 1894.

Conference re-convened at 2:30 P. M. Bishop Arnett in the chair. Devotional exercises consisting of singing. "In Thy Clift, O Rock of Ages." The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Book Steward submitted his report. The same was adopted. By motion it was voted that the pastor stationed at Brown's Chapel be the Conference Book Steward.

The Committee on Admission submitted its report. The same was adopted.

The Committee on Third and Fourth Year Studies made an additional report.

The Committee on Missions made their report through its chairman, G. C. Sampson. The report was adopted.

The Conference resolved itself into Historical Literary session and resumed business. Dr. Roberts, Wesley M. E. Church; Elder Toney, Union Baptist Church; Prof. J. J. Joiner, principal of Moundsville school, Coleman Baptist Church, Bridgeport and John H. Hamilton, North Ohio Conference were introduced to the Conference.

W. S. Lowry presented the claims of the Voice of Missions.

The final report on Public Worship was submitted and adopted. The following persons to be admitted were called before the altar for disciplinary instructions: Jesse Wallace, Thomas J. Askew, John W. Brown, Eli McKnight, Israel Holmes, T. J. Simmons, G. W. Webster, Julius Paige and Chas. Garner. A more thorough and practical catechism has never been our privilege to hear.

Where shall the Electoral College be held? Answer.—Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church, Pittsburg. Altoona having been put in nomination received four votes, Wylie Avenue eighteen.

Dr. Derrick spoke in reference to the Bible Society, recommending the appointing of a representative in the person of Bishop Arnett.

By motion it was voted that D. S. Bentley be the agent to

attend to the raising of $150 in order that Bishop Arnett become a life member of the American Bible Society.

By motion it was ordered that the money raised in the Pittsburg Conference for Bible Cause this year, be appropriated to Wilberforce University for procuring bibles.

Resolutions commendatory to the work of W. H. Brown, P. E., were offered by D. S. Bentley and received the hearty approval of J. M. Morris, D. F. Caliman, and especially of Bishop Arnett. After the Conference sang "Meet Me There," they were adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, We are indebted to the ministers of advanced age and experience for their heroic zeal and untiring efforts to advance the interests of the church thus far, and

WHEREAS, The duties of a presiding elder are laborious in their character, involving the mental, moral and physical powers in constant travel, coming in contact with various dispositions and being called upon daily to consider and decide many perplexing questions and irregularities, incident to the life of church and ministry;

WHEREAS, The Rev. W. H. Brown, presiding elder of the Allegheny District, has, for the past four years, braved the turbid waters and stemed the rapid currents of the District over which he has traveled

Through summer's heat,
Through drifting snow,
Through winter's sleet and
Through winds that blow,

Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the Allegheny District, have found in him a judicious counsellor, an able and earnest preacher and a constant worker for the promotion of the church and ministry; and, be it further

Resolved, That we tender him our best prayers and best wishes for his success in whatever field he may be called to labor.

D. S. BENTLEY,
D. F. CALIMAN,
GEO. C. SAMPSON,
C. H. BROWN,
J. W. JEFFRIES.

The Committee on Prize Essays submitted its report. See the same in minutes, Historical Literary Society.

After singing "Up Into Thee Our Living Head," the Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Fourth Day--Evening Session.

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 6, 1894.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Conference assembled at 8:30 P. M., Bishop Arnett presiding. Devotional services, consisting of singing "Blessed Assurance." Rev. Walker, of the M. E. church, W. Va., led in a fervent and availing prayer. The choir heartily sang "Saviour Wash Me in the Blood."

Conference resolved itself into Preacher's Aid Society and resumed business. The choir sang.

The bishop stated the object of the meeting and introduced President S. T. Mitchell, of Wilberforce University, who presented the cause of education. He stated he had no apology to offer for the existence of Wilberforce University. It is existing just as other institutions. It will stand the test just as other institutions. The value of her property amounts to $128,000; endowment, $40,000; undergraduates, 4,000.

Rev. R. C. Ransom being introduced, spoke on the subject of "College Life," which was quite interesting.

Prof. T. D. Scott spoke on the subject of "Christian Education." The subject was ably presented.

Prof. B. W. Arnett, jr., spoke on the subject of "Industrial Education." His remarks were interesting and profitable.

Rev. W. D. Coston, being introduced, spoke on the subject, "Wilberforce a Factor in our Civilization." The speaker said, "The object of the Seminary is to gospelize the individual society, the state and the world."

Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D., spoke on the subject, "The Needs of the Negro." Dr. Palmer, in his usual peculiar and earnest style, entertained the Conference to their highest satisfaction. The speaker considered the three elements, viz: (1) Stability; (2) Unity; (3) Integrity; the essential needs of the race.

By motion it was ordered that South Side and West End, Pittsburg, be attached and known as the South Side Circuit.

The report on State and Country was submitted and adopted. A resolution requesting twenty minutes for free distribution in the Wheeling District was adopted. After necessary announcements by the bishop the Conference adjourned by singing "Try Us Oh God and Search the Ground." Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Fifth Day.—Sunday Morning.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 7, 1894.

Services commenced at 10:45 A. M. Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., presiding. Devotional exercises consisting in reading ritual by Rev. D. S. Bentley, who announced hymn No. 303, "Let Zion's Watchmen All Awake." The choir heartily singing the same. Dr. Bentley followed in a fervent and availing prayer. "Whiter Than the Snow" was sung by the choir.

Bro. Bentley read II Cor. iv chapter for the morning lesson, concluding with the Ritual services, the members of the Conference responding. "My Soul Has Found Retreat" was beautifully sung by the choir.

ORDINATION SERMON BY BISHOP B. W. ARNETT, D. D.

Bishop Arnett announced for his text, Isaiah xl, 1-31. "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God." "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint," Subject:—"The Mission of the Gospel to Humanity."

Bishop Arnett said:—"By way of exhortation, I desire to say a word to the class to be ordained, and indirectly to the members present. I will lay the foundation, but you are to put on the cap-stone; you are to build the building. I am the architect, who tells you how to build. what kind of material to put into the building. You are the messengers from the court of heaven to the government. A messenger carries with him all the powers of the government; so the minister to the children of God. He is clothed with divine power. As a citizen in a foreign country is shielded from danger and death from a foreign foe by the flag of his native land, so are the messengers of Christ protected by His cross. The United States flag served as a protection to some of the people of South America, who took shelter under it when attacked by the enemy; so when the world and its enemies come against you, get under the cross.

Dangers come upon the people, such as famine, floods and disasters; hence they must be comforted. Their wants must be provided for as to the civil government, so must ministers provide for the necessities of the people in respect to their relation to the divine government.

The ambassador sent by one government to another is a person of the highest rank. The ambassadors of the gospel

NOTE.—At 9:30 A. M. a Spiritual and Soul Strengthening Love Feast obtained in which many ministers and members took part.

are sent out from the court of heaven. You know whether you have the seal and the authority or not. Your business is urgent. "Comfort ye my people, saith your Lord." Take the gospel of good news; clothe the naked, be eyes to the blind and life to the dead.

Comfort is hard to define. What is comfort? That position in which we get the greatest amount of ease and the least pain. Were you ever sick? Then you can understand the definition. Comfort keeps out that which injures; it is protection; it gives the hungry food.

The church should put money into the hands of the minister to feed the hungry. Often it is not prayer but bread they need. See that their physical comforts are cared for; talk to them about getting a home on earth as well as one in heaven. Comfort the people by having them do their duty. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight into the desert a highway for our God." "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." God told me to tell you if you are faithful he will "make straight in the desert a highway for our God." There are conditions in every thing. We have mountains, hills and valleys to travel over. The road is rough, up and down, but God has promised to make Mt Rose as Altoona. "Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low."

By advanced civilization and science in the great railroad system there is neither mountain nor hill to you. Therefore, literally, the mountains, hills and rough places shall be made level and smooth. Much more so, spiritually. Tell the people about it.

Comfort ye my people intellectually. Tell them God will break the chains of the prison of sin and ignorance.

"The voice said, 'Cry.'" And he said, 'What shall I cry?' '*All flesh is grass.*'" Tell them to get ready to die. Get up on the mount so you can see the wants of the people. They can't look out for themselves; they have not time. You are paid to look after them. Tell them something about earth as well as heaven. If you are true, God will feed you and His flock like a shepherd. Live close to him.

Be obedient. When a boy at home, having been requested to pick some berries, the first bucket was soon picked and I brought it to the house, thinking that was enough; but mother said, "Bennie, go and get another bucket full." I went, somewhat reluctantly, and picked the berries, which, on being dried, were hung up for future use. One cold wintry day mother got down the berries and made a berry pie for dinner. Then, and not until then, I understood why mother had me

pick the second bucket. Now the canning process is mostly used, hence the idea "bring out both new and old." This is the way the preacher should do, and when winter (age) comes get down your canned fruits—your prepared sermon—prepare for time to come. Can fruit for the people.

"He shall feed his flock like the shepherd." What authority have you that he will do it? Why, God, "who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance." If he can do all this, can't he hold you up? He, who can balance the mountains and hills, can balance a man, a family, a race, a nation. Comfort, then the people.

The last part of our text, the 31st verse, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," etc.

There are two kinds of waiting: Service and tarry. A good waiter must always be in speaking distance to the orders. To wait on the Lord means to keep in speaking distance to Him. He shall renew your strength—spiritual and mental powers. Some do good service when the eye is upon them, so it is in spiritual things. Some work only when they are sick, there are others who work all the time, day and night.

The gospel is an elevator to the mind, soul and spirit. Every man who waits on God increases his strength. I say to you, young men, be strong. O what a power the gospel has had on you, brethren. It gets into a man's head and heart. The first evidence of Christianity is a clean shirt—the outside cleaned. When this is not observed he soon begins to backslide, stay at home all day, don't put on a clean shirt, smokes, quarrels with his wife, children can't go to school, gets tired of his wife, looks after another man's wife, wants a divorce, next his fingers stick to something, next he goes to prison and finally to hell. Before they were married she could not turn around for him; but now, when she turns around, she can't see him. Wait on the Lord—duty to your neighbor and to your wife. No man can go to heaven who does not get shoes for his wife.

"Who shall abide in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." How shall he mount up as eagles? The chippie and the dove mount up too, but not very high. The buzzard mounts up too; but only when something is dead. Some people never mount up except when something is wrong, or when there is trouble. That is not the gospel up-lift. The eagle goes up when the sun shines and when it does not shine, bids farewell to the earth, soars beyond the clouds, looks the sun

in the face, and defies the storm beneath him. So with the man who waits on the Lord. Some people all have the family mark; so God's children all have the family mark. "Say ye to the righteous, it shall be well with him in prosperity, in adversity and in death." May God bless you with the bannes of the church, and make you faithful men. *

The choir sang "I Will Not Forget Thee," while the collection was being lifted, amounting to $14.76. "O For a Closer Walk With God" was heartily sung by the choir.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

Rev. B. Wheeler, assisted by W. H. Brown and W. H. Palmer, presented R. H. Bummery to be ordained deacon. He was duly and solemnly ordained by Bishop Arnett, who also ordained Thomas J. Simmons, Price A. Scott and Timothy D. Scott to the office of Elders. Dr. Asbury, R. Tanner, W. S. Lowry and Dr. Bentley, assisting. This service was a very solemn and impressive one.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper was administered, having been consecrated by Dr. D. S. Bentley to the newly ordained brethren, and then to the members of the Conference in order.

Thus closed a most profitable and glorious service with doxology and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Fifth Day.—Afternoon Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 7, 1894.

Services opened at 3:00 P. M. at the Grand Opera House, Rev. W. S. Lowry, manager. The meeting was in charge of Dr. W. B. Derrick, Secretary of the Missionary Department. He injected considerable enthusiasm into his audience by a graphic description of the situation in the Upper Congo country, and the great need for immediate and substantial missionary work.

The Rev. R. C. Ransom of Cleveland O. followed in a strong plea for the improvement of the African work and the establishment of a settled policy that will result in the early education of the entire colored population of Africa, morally, intellectually and politically.

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*NOTE.—The whole sermon throughout was a grand and impressive lesson of duty and its results to all who heard it.

DR. RIKER'S SPEECH.

By special invitation, Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker of Wheeling, W. Va., addressed the meeting, and his remarks were greeted by prolonged applause. He said:

"I have derived great inspiration from listening to the addresses delivered on your Conference floor and from taking note of the vast work that is being accomplished by your church with five or six hundred thousand members. It cheers me to know that so great a body of our fellow-citizens are banded together under Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls and the betterment of this country. Anything that pertains to man is of interest to me, and the solution of the problem you are solving, in working out under God the destiny of your race, can but be interesting to all people of every race and condition." It is hoped that the vast audience will profit by the many important and good things presented at this meeting. A collection was then taken, amounting to $24.40.

The following ladies, representatives of the Mite Missionary work, were present: Mrs. Grace Offer, vice president of the Mite Missionary Convention, Mrs. L. Lowry and Mrs. C. Asbury, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. D. F. Caliman, Mrs. D. S. Bentley and Mrs. E. Stanton, of Allegheny, Pa.; Mrs. H. A. Grant, of Philipsburg, Pa.; Mrs. E. Batch, of Elizabeth, Pa.; Mrs. J. N. Nasmyth, missionary from Africa; Mrs. W. H. Pride, Clarksburg, Va.; Miss F. Beley, Titusville, Pa., and others.

Bishop Arnett resolved the meeting into Payne Memorial Services by requesting all to join in singing "Meet Me There," the hymn sung at the last Conference by request of the late Bishop Payne.

The report of the Memorial Committee was read by Rev. D. F. Caliman, after which Dr. C. Asbury, of Pittsburg, delivered a glowing eulogy upon the life, character and services of Bishop Payne, calling especial attention to the persistent efforts of that popular preceptor to direct the younger men to a higher education and a better moral plane.

Rev. I. N. Ross followed in a touching tribute to the late bishop. He referred to Bishop Payne as the father of advanced thought among the Afro-Americans.

The report on Memoirs wrs adopted.

The meeting closed with doxology. Benediction by Dr. Riker.

Fifth Day—Sunday Evening Session.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 7, 1894.

Services at the Grand Opera House, which was well filled, commenced at 8 o'clock, Bishop Arnett presiding.

Rev. Dr. Derrick preached from the words of St. John: 17, 18; "I also sent them into the world." After beautiful and clear introductory remarks, embracing the object and end of the blessed Christ's mission to the world, Dr. Derrick preached a powerful and logical sermon, comprising the following divisions:

Subject: "The Mission of Life."

1. *It is a sphere of activity.* Life is a growth, physical, mental and spiritual.

2. *It is a sphere of duty.*

(1.) To our country.

(2.) To our fellow-men.

(3.) To our church.

(4.) To God, comprising duty in all things.

3. *It is a sphere of danger.* Pass the time in fear (reverence) and trembling. Satan's army is on the alert. There is danger to the home, church and to yourself. Stragglers are in greatest danger of being taken prisoners.

4. *It is a sphere of self-improvement.* We must improve, not only the preachers but the members.

5. *It is a sphere of sympathy.* Christ is full of sympathy.

As Dr. Derrick drew a picture freighted with logic and eloquence, but above all, full of personal experience of a pathetic character, from his career as a minister in the large cities, many in the vast audience were moved to tears.

After the sermon a collection was taken up, amounting to $30.27. By motion the amount collected during the day was referred to the Finance Committee.

By motion it was ordered that one thousand minutes be printed, the publishing committee comprising the secretary and the book steward.

By motion a series of resolutions were adopted, unanimously thanking Bishop Arnett, other prominent ministers who were present, the press and choir, and expressing the pleasure of the Conference in having heard an eloquent address by Dr. Riker, of the Fourth Street M. E. Church, at the afternoon session.

Rev. W. S. Lowry ably presented the claims of the *Women's Light and Love for Heathen Africa*, urging the necessity

of a wide circulation of the same. This periodical is ably edited by Miss Lydia Lowry, of East End, Pittsburg, and Emma Ransom, of Cleveland, O.

By motion of W. H. Brown, it was voted that the Conference adjourn to meet at Wilkesbarre, Pa., at the call of the presiding bishop.

After singing by the choir, Bishop Arnett said: "The misunderstanding of Mite Missionary delegates at Cleveland as to the distribution of the money, has been all adjusted. Those so desiring can send their money to Mrs. President Mitchell, Wilberforce, O., treasurer of the M. M. Convention, who will report the same to Mrs. Bishop Campbell, treasurer of the P. H. M. M. Society, or send directly to Mrs. Campbell. When the General Conference meets it will be finally adjusted. The work must go on. Nothing shall get in the way. Africa must be redeemed. About $600 has been collected since the M. M. Convention, which, a little over a year ago, was organized in the Third Episcopal District, by Bishop Payne. Sister Gorman, missionary twelve or fourteen years to Africa, has fallen. This is a signal to the women of the church to arouse to energy and duty. God has laid another burden upon me. Bro. Moyzo Fanels Sakie, a native of Kaffir, South Africa, sent me word, "I want to educate myself." "By the help of God I will educate him. Let the preachers assist the sisters—a man who stands in their way can't stand long with me."

Preceeding the appointments, Bishop Arnett eloquently and earnestly addressed the preachers, urging all to renewed efforts on behalf of religion, education and temperance, and congratulating the members on their good work and co-operation in the last year. He also thanked the people and the press of Wheeling for the way the Conference had been treated. He said, "With a united pulpit, a consecrated laity and a press as well disposed as that of Wheeling had shown itself, the dawn would soon break when the mysterious 'race problem' should be solved." He further said: "See that your own children are educated. May this be the most prosperous year in your history. I have a peculiar relation to this Conference; I was born in it. May God bless you, my brethren, and your families!"

The appointments were then read, (See Conference roll) after which the Conference sung "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again" with deep emotion, mingled with sadness and joy.

No further business appearing before the Conference, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by the bishop, and the Twenty-seventh Session adjourned.

BENJAMIN W. ARNETT, *Bishop*,
DAVID F. CALIMAN, *Conference Secretary*.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

WILLIAM H. BROWN, PRESIDING ELDER.

STATIONS.

Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg.....Isaac N. Ross
East End, Pittsburg.....Walter S. Lowry
Altoona, Pa.....J. P. Stephens
Williamsport, Pa.....Richard Tanner
Scranton, Pa.....Charles McGee
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.....Junious W. Jeffries
New Haven, Pa.....Cyrus Woodson
Bellefonte, Pa.....Henry A. Grant
Braddock, Pa.....S. C. Honesty
Lewistown, Pa.....Thomas J. Simmons
Philipsburg, Pa.....R. M. Henderson
Bedford, Pa.....Sandy Christian
Mt. Rose, Pa.....Owen T. Davis
Bloomsburg Mission, Pa.....Hutchison Johnson
Greensburg, Pa.....William N. Young
Homestead, Pa.....Anthony E. Waldon
Tyrone Mission, Pa.....Charles Garner
Milton Mission, Pa.....Benjamin Morgan
Pittston Mission, Pa.....T. B. Bynum
Lock Haven, Pa.....T. J. Askew
McConnellsburg and Mercersburg, Pa.....John W. Brown

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

CORNELIUS ASBURY, PRESIDING ELDER.

STATIONS.

Brown's Chapel, Allegheny.....D. S. Bentley
Chartiers, Allegheny.....D. F. Caliman
South Side, Pittsburg.....Chas. H. Brown
Monongahela City.....W. H. Coston
Brownsville.....J. M. Morris
Uniontown.....Israel Derrick
New Brighton.....I. B. Till
Meadville.....Price A. Scott

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT—Continued.

Franklin.....Richard Brown
Erie.....Simon P. West
Oil City.....Geo. C. Sampson
Elizabeth.....Benjamin Wheeler
Bridgewater.....J. J. Norris
Bradford.....G. G. Skinner
West Newton Circuit.....Hartley G. Thomas
Bellview Mission.....Julius Paige
Charleroi Mission.....G. W. Webster

WHEELING DISTRICT.

JOHN W. RILEY, PRESIDING ELDER.

STATIONS.

Wheeling, W. Va.....R. H. Bummery
Washington, Pa.....R. H. Morris
Cannonsburg, Pa.....Carter Wright
Waynesburg, Pa.....Daniel Newsom
Parkersburg, W. Va.....J. W. Sanders
Charleston Mission.....Harry J. Williams
Clarkesburg, W. Va.....Wm. H. Pride
Morgantown, W. Va.....Eli McKnight
Phillipi, W. Va.....T. N. J. West
Boone, W. Va.....Price Moore
West Middletown, Pa.....Alex. Smothers
Blacksville, W. Va.....L. A. Barber
Burgettstown Mission, Pa.....C. H. Arnold
Beverly, W. Va.....E. Bazier
Weston Mission, W. Va.....Milo S. Jones
Mannington, W. Va.....Mrs. M. J. Bell

Minutes of the Missionary Society.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 6, 1894.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., president, called the society to order and requested the secretary to call the roll of members. The following named persons came forward and paid their annual dues of $1.00, viz: Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., Revs. C. Asbury, D. D., W. H. Brown, Benjamin Wheeler, Richard Brown, R. H. Morris, G. G. Skinner, I. B. Till, Sandy Christian, S. C. Honesty, Hutchinson Johnson, C. Wright, H. G. Thomas, D. F. Caliman, Benj. Morgan, C. A. McGee, J. W. Jeffries, G. C. Sampson, J. M. Morris, Richard Tanner, C. H. Brown, D. S. Bentley, D. D., I N. Ross, Alex. Smothers, D. J. Johnson, W. N. Young, R. M. Henderson, L. A. Barber, A. E. Waldon, C. N. Woodson, W. H. Pride, W. H. Palmer, M. D., O. T. Davis, T. B. Bynum, P. A. Scott, M. S. Jones, J. W. Saunders, H. A. Grant, R. H. Bummery, G. W. Webster, T. J. Simmons, Charles Garner, Mrs. Thamazine McDonald. Total, $43.00.

On motion by Rev. W. H. Palmer that Rev. S. C. Honesty be elected vice president. Carried.

By motion of W. H. Brown, Rev. S. P. West was elected secretary. Rev. C. Wright was nominated for treasurer, against Rev. J. M. Morris. Rev. Wright received 11 votes and Rev. J. M. Morris 17 votes; Rev. Morris was declared elected.

On motion by Rev. W. H. Brown, that the executive board be composed of the pastors of Brown Chapel, Homestead, Wylie Avenue, East End Pittsburg and Chartiers, Street, Allegheny. Carried.

Adjourned by the bishop.

BISHOP B. W. ARNETT, D. D., President.
G. G. SKINNER, Vice President.
C. H. BROWN, Secretary.

Minutes of the Historical and Literary Society.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 6, 1894.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., president, called the society to order. The secretary called the roll and the following members came forward and paid their dues of 50 cents, viz.: Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., Revs. W. H. Brown, B. Wheeler,

Dr. C. Asbury, J. W. Riley, W. S. Lowry, J. J. Norris, Dr. D. S. Bentley, I. N. Ross, R. H. Morris, Richard Brown, G. G. Skinner, I. B. Till, Sandy Christian, S. C. Honesty, Hutchinson Johnson, Carter Wright, W. H. Palmer, M. D., Benjamin Morgan, D. F. Caliman, C. A. McGee, J. W. Jeffries, G. C. Sampson, J. M. Morris, Richard Tanner, C. H. Brown, Alexander Smothers, W. N. Young, R. M. Henderson, C. N. Woodson, W. H. Pride, O. T. Davis, M. S. Jones, J. W. Saunders, S. P. West, H. A. Grant, R. H. Bummery, T J. Simmons, G. W. Webster, Charles Garner, J. W. Brown, Price A. Scott,. Total. $21.00.

On motion by Rev. G. C. Sampson that the present officers be re-elected. Carried.

The bishop called for the names of those that had essays to read. Revs. H. A. Grant, Richard Brown and D. F. Caliman responded. By motion Revs. I. B. Till, S. P. West and T. D. Scott, B. D., were elected judges.

Subject: "Why is it, at the present time, while there are over 250,000,000 natives in Africa, a handful of Europeans can take their country from them?"

Rev. H. A. Grant read the first paper, which was a very able production, showing good thought and careful research. Rev. Richard Brown read the next paper, which was very interesting and was well prepared. Rev. D. F. Caliman read the last paper, which was a very able production, showing considerable literary ability.

The judues rendered the following decision: Rev. D. F. Caliman, 95.⅔; Rev. H. A. Grant, 93.8; Rev. Richard Brown, 90.8. Rev. Caliman received the first prize of $10.00 and Rev. Grant the second prize of $5.00. (See the report of the judges for the standing of each contestant.)

The bishop then resolved the society back into the Conference.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., President.
I. B. Till, Vice President.
C. H. Brown, Secretary.
B. Wheeler, Treasurer.

REPORT OF JUDGES.

We, the judges, appointed to examine the essays presented before the Historical Literary Society, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have listened carefully to the reading of the essays and have examined the manuscripts critically, grading on the

following points: Writing, spelling, punctuation, pronunciation, expression, thought. The marks are as follows:

	D. F. Caliman.	H. A. Grant.	Richard Brown.
Writing	90	80	85
Spelling	98	95.5	75
Punctuation	98	99	99
Pronunciation	98	94	98.5
Expression	95	97	94
Thought	95	97	93
Total Average	95.⅔	93.8	90.8

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. Till,
S. P. West,
T. D. Scott.

REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Wheeling, W. Va., October 4, 1894.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Dear Father and Brethren:—It is with no small degree of pleasure that I present to you my first report of the Pittsburg District. Through the providence and on account of the great mercies of our Heavenly Father, I have been able to continue the work throughout the year. The lives of the brethren have been spared and they are here to answer to their names in this Conference. The work of the Lord has prospered in the hands of his servants, and quite a goodly number of souls have been added to the church. The financial depression of the country, together with the strikes among the workingmen and the flood that swept through the valley of the Susquehanna, have had much to do with reducing the collections very much lower than they otherwise would have been.

The Pittsburg District covers a vast amount of territory extending from Pittsburg on the west, to Montrose, Susquehanna county on the east, a distance of three hundred and fifty-eight miles. However, every point is reached by railroad which adds much to the convenience of travel. The following is a brief statement in detail of the different charges in the District:

WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURG.

During the month of January and February this church was visited with a powerful revival, and many souls were born into the kingdom of God. The spiritual condition of the church is all that could be expected. The pastor, Rev. I. N. Ross, has labored faithfully and successfully, and his services have been highly appreciated by the people. This church controls an estate which amounts in value to about seventy-five thousand dollars. I am pleased to say that the trustees of Wylie Avenue are managing the sacred trust very judiciously and satisfactorily. Steps are being taken toward building a new church, and a Sinking Fund Society has been organized for the accomplishment of that end.

ST. JAMES—EAST END, PITTSBURG.

Rev. W. S. Lowry is pastor. He has worked hard on behalf of the church and his labor has been marked with good success. Spiritually, the church is alive and the fires of his love is burning in the hearts of the people. Brother Lowry is an able preacher and organizer. His plans for work, when put into execution, never fail to bring good results. This church has purchased ground for a new church edifice on a prominent location in that portion of the city. Over seven hundred dollars were raised this year on payment of this property.

BRADFORD AND HOMESTEAD.

These two places constitute the Braddock Circuit. Their location in relation to each other is a matter of considerable inconvenience, being situated on opposite sides of the Monongahela river. For this reason and on account of so many people being in Braddock to be gathered, they ask that Braddock be made a station. The spiritual condition of these churches seems to be improving, yet is not what we desire. Rev. Hartley G. Thomas, the pastor, has continued through the year to labor earnestly for the progress of the church.

GREENSBURG STATION.

Rev. W. N. Young is the pastor, and his work and christian and gentlemanly deportment have commanded the respect of the entire community. The spiritual condition of the church is good and the property is free from debt.

NEW HAVEN STATION.

At the beginning of the Conference year, the outlook for this church was somewhat discouraging. I am pleased how-

ever, to say that success has crowned the administration of Rev. Cyrus N. Woodson, and the membership has been more than doubled, and an increased interest is manifested in every particular.

ALTOONA STATION.

The membership of this church is small, and it has been by hard struggling that the work has been kept moving. Rev. J. J. Norris, the pastor, is a good preacher, and under the circumstances has succeeded admirably. The spiritual condition of the church is not very encouraging. A Young People's Christian Endeavor was organized this year, and is in a flourishing condition.

TYRONE MISSION.

This church is situated in a flourshing town on the main line of the P. R. R., and is favored with many generous hearted citizens whose hearts are in deep sympathy with our church. Rev. Charles Garner, the pastor, is an earnest Christian and has so endeared himself to members of the different churches of his town, that they readily help him in every possible way. Under his administration this year, a very beautiful church edifice, which is enclosed, and the lecture room, will soon be ready for occupancy.

BEDFORD CIRCUIT.

This circuit is composed of Bedford and Everett. Rev. Sandy Christian is pastor. Brother Christian is an untiring worker. and under his skillful administration a new church building has been erected and the congregation is now worshipping in the lecture room. The church is in good condition, and there is perfect harmony between pastor and people.

LEWISTOWN CIRCUIT.

Rev. David J. Johnson was appointed to this circuit, which is composed of Lewistown and Huntingdon, but during the year it became necessary for him to be removed on account of sickness and a lack of harmony between him and the church. In the month of May, Rev. Thomas J. Simmons, a local deacon, was appointed to this charge. He has been quite successful. A new church edifice, 26x40, has been erected at Huntingdon and is almost ready for dedication.

WAVERLY CIRCUIT.

Rev. Owen T. Davis is the pastor. He has labored faithfully, as his report shows his labor has been crowned with

success. This charge is situated in a mountainous region. Montrose, one point on the circuit, being the highest point in the state of Pennsylvania. The spiritual condition of the churches is good and there is no embarrassing debt burdening either one of them.

SCRANTON STATION.

Scranton is one of the finest and largest cities in the state, having about one hundred thousand inhabitants. Our church has grown rapidly during the past year. Rev. C. A. McGee is a very affectionate, sympathetic pastor, winning the hearts of the members of his church and enjoying the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. The church is alive spiritually and is free from debt.

WILKES-BARRE STATION.

Fell Street A. M. E. church in this city is in good condition. It is an organization of considerable strength and contains many good, substantial workers. There is in this church a Y. P. S. C. E., which is a powerful means of accomplishing good. Rev. Ishmael B. Till, the pastor, has had charge of this church four years, and as the expiration of his time has come, and he will be moved to another field of labor, it is a pleasure to me to say that the congregation from which he will be separated as pastor holds him in highest esteem. I am sure the Conference will be highly entertained and amply provided for when it convenes in that city in 1895.

BLOOMSBURG CIRCUIT.

This circuit is composed of Bloomsburg and Danville. The charge is weak numerically. The condition of the church in Bloomsburg is good, but in Danville the condition of the church has been affected very seriously on account of the town being quarrantined by being infected with that loathesome disease, the smallpox, which compelled the closing of the church for about three months. Rev. John W. Brown is the pastor. Brother Brown is a young man who is progressive in his disposition, and I believe that his aim is to do the best he can for God and the church.

MILTON MISSION.

Rev. Thomas B. Bynum is pastor. This is a weak charge numerically, comprising Milton and Muncy, fourteen miles apart. There is a church building in each place and neither place is burdened with an embarrassing debt. The few people that are in these places are good and kind and willing to do the best they can. Brother Bynum succeeded in keeping

the flock of Christ together, under his care, and notwithstanding the fact that he has received but little support, he has labored continuously in the performance of the work of a christian minister.

WILLIAMSPORT STATION.

This is one of the strongest organizations in the Pittsburg District. A good-sized building is owned by this congregation. It is a credit to the connection, being, in my opinion, the first edifice in the Conference. I am pleased to report this church almost out of debt. Had it not been for the very destructive flood, which effected this whole valley, the last dollar would have been paid on the church property. There is an organization of the Y. P. S. C. E. in the church, which is doing a good work. Rev. Richard Tanner is the pastor, and he is much loved by his congregation. He has done a commendable work and has the respect and confidence of the people among whom he moves.

LOCK HAVEN AND JERSEY SHORE.

Rev. Hutchinson Johnson is the pastor. This circuit has but few members, and on account of a lack of financial ability, they have done but little for the support of the church and pastor. A beautiful chapel, nicely furnished, is free from debt at Jersey Shore, but there are but three members. We own no church property at Lock Haven. The congregation worships in a school house, or in a building formerly used for that purpose. The room in which the congregation meets is comfortable. Rev. Johnson has been at his post constantly with a sincere desire to carry on the work of strengthening the church. Both of these places were seriously damaged by the flood.

BELLEFONTE STATION.

This is an old church and it retains its position in the front ranks of the churches in the Conference. Rev. Samuel C. Honesty, the pastor, has served this station four consecutive years. Signal progress and prosperity have attended his labors. Brother Honesty is a scholarly Christian gentleman and will leave behind him many pleasant recollections of kindnesses done and services rendered.

PHILIPSBURG CIRCUIT.

This circuit is comprised of Philipsburg and Curwensville. The circuit is in good condition financially and spiritually. Rev. H. A. Grant has served this church faithfully for two years. He has succeeded marvelously in gathering in the

people, filling the Lord's house. Brother Grant is a powerful and logical preacher under God, reaching the hearts of the people and stirring their souls to greater activity.

PITTSTON MISSION.

This mission has been organized about two years and is in good condition. Rev. Israel Holmes has been serving this charge for two years. He has labored under a great disadvantage, working daily for his support in connection with serving his charge. I would recommend that this mission be attached to some convenient point so that more attention may be given to it by the pastor.

In conclusion I hereby extend my sincere thanks to the pastors, members and friends in the district for courtesies extended and favors shown in providing for my comfort and happiness while sojourning with them.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Total Amount Dollar Money		$ 537 05
" "	Pastors' Support	7,477 19
" "	Presiding Elder	902 76
" "	Missionary	171 39
" "	Mite Missionary	134 51
" "	Educational Purposes	167 19
" "	For All Purposes	17,642 37
	Total	$27,033 48
Number of Members		1377
" "	Probationers	91
" "	Sunday-Schools	27
" "	Sunday-School Scholars	1266
" "	Sunday-School Teachers	140
" "	Conversions	246
Churches Built		3
Cost of Buildings		$4,300 00
Amount Paid on Buildings		1,738 81

The balance has been so provided for as to make the payment of the debt secure.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference of the Twenty-seventh Session :

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—In making this, my fourth annual report to this honorable body, it is with sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Almighty God for his care and guidance during the past year. I am pleased to report that no deaths have occurred in the ministerial ranks of the Allegheny district during the conference year, and all of the ministers are in fair health, for which we give thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Four years ago we were appointed to this district as presiding elder, at which time the way appeared very dark on starting out, but the clouds broke away and it has been getting lighter and lighter. The presiding eldership in the Pittsburg Conference is an established fact. The brethren who were opposed to the system fell in line and became staunch supporters of the office as loyal pastors of the flock of Christ and discipline of the A. M. E. church.

This has been one of the hardest years ever experienced in Western Pennsylvania on account of the unsettled condition of the business affairs. The present administration of our beloved government has been so unsatisfactory to the inhabitants of our district that the wheels of industry have been brought to a stand still, and thousands of men and women are idle to-day with a crisis before them that God only knows the result. Our crops were very scarce on account of drought. We had no rain for ten weeks, just at the time we most needed it, but we thank God that it was no worse than what it is. Our people are laboring people, and, as labor has been scarce and money hard to get, our financial reports will not come up to our former standard.

While my preachers may not make as strong reports as they have in other times, yet they are not failures. The greatest surprise to me is that they did as well as they have. Their reports will show that they have done the best they could under the financial pressure and circumstances surrounding each charge.

UNIONTOWN CHURCH.

Rev. Carter Wright has served this church for over five years acceptably and has done a grand work in building a fine church, but we are heavily in debt, to the amount of five thousand dollars. Owing to the depression in business the congregation has only been able to pay a little, not more than the interest on the money, but we have great faith in the people paying for this beautiful church.

BROWNSVILLE CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Morris has been at this charge one year and has worked hard. The people have not done what they would like to do, in the way of support, owing to the long coal strike among the miners. This church enjoyed a glorious revival last winter. A goodly number was added to the church. The church is in good condition. The people are generous and kind and the pastor is much beloved by them.

MONONGAHELA CHURCH.

Rev. W. H. Palmer. M. D., pastor. This church is not in a good financial condition; it is nearly three thousand dollars in debt and has been in debt for twenty-four years. The congregation is small. We have placed the condition of this church before the secretary of the Church Extension society, but have failed to get one dollar for it. In the name of our Heavenly Father, I refer this church and its condition to the bishop and secretary of the Church Extention society for aid. The people are loyal and do all they can for the church. Rev. Dr. Palmer has done all he could in the last four years and yet we are still in debt nearly three thousand dollars.

ELIZABETH CIRCUIT.

Rev. B. Wheeler, pastor. This circuit is composed of East and West Elizabeth. No people along the Monongahela valley have suffered like these people in the last Conference year and very near every working man is a miner and on account of the long strike and low water in the river, our people have been idle most of the entire year; consequently we will not be able to make as good a financial report as we have in the past. Elder Wheeler has been faithful and suffered with his people; but we hope for better times. Elder Wheeler makes a grand report, according to circumstances and the times.

WEST NEWTON CIRCUIT.

Rev. R. M. Henderson, pastor. At the last Conference Rev. C. H. Brown was appointed to this circuit—West Newton and McKeesport. For good reasons we changed Rev. Brown from this circuit to Franklin, and Rev. Henderson from Franklin to West Newton. There is but a very few people at West Newton, the mills having moved away left but little work for them, hence they (the people), removed also, which leaves our church at this point very weak. At McKeesport our people are coming into the city very fast. We have a church building but we need a new church, and just as soon as the times will admit the people will make an effort to build. Rev. Henderson has done the best he could; some improvements have been made on the property this year. The people feel that they would like to have this place made a station. We have our doubts about the support of a stationed pastor.

BROWN'S CHAPEL, ALLEGHENY CITY.

Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., pastor. This old reliable church is still on the march to prosperity, out of debt, but stands in

need of repairs. With Dr. Bentley at the head of affairs and the co-operation of the members, it can be put in good order, made beautiful and attractive. This church enjoyed a grand revival last winter, conducted in the highest order in christian development.

CHARTIER'S CHURCH, ALLEGHENY CITY.

Rev. D. F. Caliman, pastor. This church bids fair to become one of the strongest churches in the two cities. Rev. Caliman, with his hundred members is doing a grand work for God and humanity. Through the influence of Rev. Caliman and his church, the lower parts of Allegheny, among our people, have experienced a wonderful reformation in the last three years, for which God's name be praised.

BRIDGEWATER CIRCUIT.

Rev. G. W. Webster, pastor. This circuit has two points: Bridgewater and Sewickley. The church at Bridgewater is out of debt, but Sewickley is very much incumbered with a debt. Our people are few in both of these town. Rev. Webster has done the best he could.

NEW BRIGHTON CHURCH.

Rev. R. Brown, pastor. This church has had quite a struggle during the year. Another church has been organized just across the river in Beaver Falls, which reduced our membership and congregation considerably. The pastor and people think it best to build a new church to which the people have subscribed. We think it best to have at least one-third of the cost of the buildihg before the old church is disturbed or torn down. We have directed the pastor not to allow the trustees to contract until the third of the money is in hand. It is risky to depend upon subscription at this critical period. The trustees have in hand about eighty-four dollars. I would ask the bishop to charge the pastor at this Conference before he gives him his appointment, whoever he may be, in relation to tearing down this old church and going in debt at this financial crisis. If we do build, the money must be collected off of the public. Our people are not able to build a church for we only have about a hundred people of color altogether in New Brighton. There is no better people in the Pittsburg Conference to give and support the gospel and the various enterprises of the church.

MEADVILLE CHURCH.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries, pastor. By the energetic labors of the pastor, this church has been brought up to its old stand-

ing and is now in a good spiritual and financial condition. A grand work has been done in the last two years. They are few in number, but loyal. A large number has been added to the church during the two years of Rev. Jeffries administration. God has wonderfully blessed the work during this last year.

ERIE CHURCH.

Rev. S. P. West, pastor. This church is out of debt, through the energy of the pastor. We have but few members. Much credit is due the pastor in his labors. You will see from the pastor's report that the church has done well during the year.

OIL CITY CHURCH.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, pastor. This old reliable circuit, Oil City and Titusville, has held her own amid the hard and pressing times of last year. The people seem to be determined to pay the pastor and the Conference dues. At one time, during the oil excitement, a great many of our people gathered in these cities, but since the oil excitement has vanished, our people, with thousands of others, have removed to other towns, hence our colored population is small. Rev. Sampson has done a good work, which his report shows.

BRADFORD CIRCUIT.

Rev. B. Morgan, pastor. This circuit is composed of Bradford, Pa., and Olean, N. Y., twenty miles apart, and is destined to be a strong circuit with the proper management. The people are very intelligent at both points. Rev. Morgan has made a good record in this work.

FRANKLIN MISSION.

Rev. C. H. Brown, pastor. This point is very weak and not able to support a minister alone. They ask this Conference to attach them to Meadville, and we would recommend the same. Rev. C. H. Brown has the best record that has been made for years. The blessed Master has blessed the work.

BELLEVUE MISSION.

Rev. J. Paige, pastor. This little mission, five miles from Brown's chapel, Allegheny City, has been under the care of Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., pastor of Brown's chapel, with one of his local preachers as pastor. Much credit is due Elder Bentley for his care and help rendered to this little society. Brother Paige has worked at his daily labor and preached to

his little congregation twice every Sabbath and once through the week held prayer meeting. We worship in a little storeroom. We own no building, but we are collecting money to purchase a lot. Rev. Paige has done a good work in this little new town.

SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURG.

Rev. A. E. Waldon, pastor. Our church at this part of Pittshurg has felt the pressure of the hard times perhaps more than any other church in the city. While we do not like to parade the poverty of any of our people, yet it is due these few people to say that they have done well. As I said last year, the people more fortunate in this world's goods pay little or no attention to this society, and never have, but great credit is due the few faithful souls of South Side A. M. E. church. The trustees of "Charles Avery Fund" assist this church with two hundred dollars each year for the support of the gospel. Much credit is due Rev. I. N. Ross and his trustees' board for the liberal support for his church.

DUQUESNE CIRCUIT.

Rev. M. S. Jones, pastor. This circuit consists of three points—Pleasant Green, Charleroi and Duquesne. This work we divided during the year with the consent of the pastor, Rev. M. S. Jones, and give one point to Rev. A. W. Price, who came over from the M. E. church in good and regular standing and joined the A. M. E. church. We appointed Rev. Price to the Charleroi mission, and during his six months he has built a beautiful chapel which is now ready for dedication.

CLOSING WORDS.

And now, dear brethren of the district, a feeling of regret invades my heart when the time draws near for me to bid you adieu. As presiding elder of the Allegheny district I have received a most cordial welcome at all times from you and your dear people. I will ever hold forth both preachers and laymen in grateful remembrance for their kindness and words of cheer. I have endeavored to do my whole duty to both ministers and people. My prayers will ever be for your success.

I remain yours in Christ,

W. H. Brown, P. E.

STATISTICAL TABLE ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Total Amount Dollar Money		$ 520 27
" "	Pastors' Support	8,393 26
" "	Presiding Elder	909 28
" "	Missionary Purposes	214 01
" "	Mite Missionary	142 26
" "	Educational Purposes	187 61
" "	B'ld'ng Repairs and S. S. Purposes.	7,229 48
	Total	$17,596 17
Number of Members		1,298
"	Probationers	124
"	Sunday-schools	23
"	Sunday-school Scholars	1,188
"	Sunday-school Teachers	124
	Total	2,557

WILLIAM H. BROWN, Presiding Elder.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Since God and the bishop have spared life—God the natural and spiritual; the bishop the clerical—we take pleasure in submitting our Second Annual Report on the Wheeling Presiding Elder's District. The year with us has been a hard one, financially and otherwise. Amid many struggles, hardships and oppositions, we only made the point to stand, without a wherewith to boast, but to battle and push on the work and labor of love in the Master's cause.

West Virginia thou art an extensive mission field never to be taken for Christ without the sanctifying aid of the church, *time and money*. Fifty thousand dollars at least will be required, and the self-denial of many home comforts by the poor missionary upon the altar of consecration, in this broad field for Christ. The gospel trumpet must be sounded in its mountains, interior, and along the line of its many rivers; flowing as they do through deep and rocky solitudes, forest-covered hills and valleys, clothed with laurels, wherein roameth the bear and jumpeth the deer and crawleth the vipor. To these valleys, hills, slopes and interior recesses, wherein dwells humanity, often unevangelized, the missionaries of this Conference, with a spirit of sacrifice, must prepare to go. Without every river traversed, mountain scaled, and valley searched can it be said that their duty is done in our Saviour's commission to "preach the gospel to all the world." We have gone over steep mountains on horse-back, the ascent of which was thought at first impossible; the incline being more than

forty-five degrees. As we traveled on our mountain goat-horse, over Rich mountain, beyond Beverly, we said to our guide, "Surely this horse ought to be called a goat; to ascend heights and stick on ledges of rock, protruding out and over depths hundreds of feet below; the slipping of a hoof or giving away of a leg would have landed the rider in deep caverns of woe." At this time, (as before the great miners' strike in West Virginia our people were not allowed to mine coal there) there are now employed about two thousand men in different localities. At Coketon we met quite a number of this class from the south, several of whom had been members of our church who desire that the Conference still provide for them, and as soon as well settled they will try and support the church of their choice. There are many other places of like condition and capacity that could be mentioned, but suffice it to say that we were strongly appealed to, and severally interviewed at Charleston City, West Virginia, about our church coming to take its share of the work there, which was unsolicited by the writer. These appeals and interviews were by lawyers, ministers and laymen of the race, who regard our church work as one of the leading lights in the world for Christ. Morally, religiously and educationally the knowledge these interviews had and manifested of the successful efforts elsewhere of our connectional interest, made the appeals the stronger, and so caused a deep, emotional, exclamational sigh (from heart to rise), "O had I the money! I could get the man; and thus set up the work of our church forever in West Virginia's beautiful capital city!"

PARKERSBURG CHURCH

Still remains under embarrassing circumstances, the debt of which the people have lost all hope of carrying, even after the excellent and untiring labors of Bro. R. H. Bummery in alabastering, frescoing, painting, papering, renovating and repairing with his own hands (at no cost to the church) of about five hundred dollars in value, and raising and paying the weekly obligations of the building association, stinting and almost starving his family to do so. To lose this church would doubtless break the spinal column of our connectional interest in West Virginia and would tend much to forever impede our future progress in this field.

CLARKESBURG CHURCH.

This congregation is now trying to build a commodious brick house of worship. To see how faithfully and earnestly they are working under the leadership of their pastor, W. H. Pride, one can only be convinced of their continued, long-standing loyalty.

WESTON CHURCH.

This church has had several back-sets during the year which has greatly tried its young faith as a new worker. Our work at Sutton is about at a stand-still, though there is some prospect for a church.

The Morgantown church still serves its integrity, and we left them with the promise of their Conference obligation being filled.

WHEELING CHURCH.

This church has felt seriously the pressure of the hard times, but through the push of the present postor's energy and stirring efforts, it continues very nearly holding its own. We now pray that the church may be blessed through the present session of this Conference and prove of lasting benefit, and that God may order the continued success through future administrations.

THE WASHINGTON CHURCH

Did not get out of debt, as supposed, but worked like beavers and fought the financial stringency, but failed, though it was a noble failure. They succeeded, however, in accomplishing much for God and the race.

THE CANONSBURG CHURCH,

Emerging from four years of consecutive administration, reaches the shore with less than one hundred dollars indebtedness and nearly three hundred enrolled members.

THE WEST MIDDLETOWN CHURCH.

This church is still living in name. It is moving exceedingly slow, but possibly surely along.

THE WELLSBURG CHURCH

Has not started its church building this year, as supposed. (Hard times are claimed.)

WAYNESURG CHURCH .

Still retains its parlor-like beauty and devotional worshipers.

JOHN W. RILEY, P. E.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Temperance.

To the Bishop and Conference :

To your fraternal consideration we, your committee, submit the following report:

"Temperance and labor are the two best physicians of man; labor sharpens the appetite and temperance prevents him from indulging in excess."—*Rousseau.*

Temperance is health; intemperance is rather a disease than a crime, but the world does not excuse it, and only Gods and angels pity."—*S. P. Chase.*

The evils, direful effects and wide spread of intemperance are too well known to us all, as to need a descriptive rehearsal in this report. Indeed, the horrors of intemperance, as it relates to the rum traffic, beggar description. Drink ! drink ! drink ! like a funeral knell, drags down the young and the old, the educated and the uneducated, the rich and the poor —no respecter of persons—it brings them to poverty, misery, prison and finally down to a drunkard's hell.

To say that the rum business is on the decrease would be false and misleading, but, on the contrary,the evil widens and deepens, daily as the following clearly shows:

LIQUOR IN THE SLUMS.

The Commissioner of Labor, Carroll D. Wright, has forwarded to the President his Seventh Special Report, which relates entirely to the slums of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Chicago, being the results of an investigation ordered by Congress. The following is his report concerning the liquor traffic in the different cities:

Liquor Saloons—In the city of New York there was at the time of the investigation one liquor saloon to every 200 persons, but in the slum district canvassed, there was one saloon to every 129 persons. In Philadelphia, in the city at large, there was one saloon to every 870 persons, but in the slum district canvassed there was one saloon to every 502 persons. In Baltimore, in the city at large, there was one saloon to every 288 persons, but in the slum district canvassed, there was one saloon to every 105 persons. In Chicago, in the city at large, there was one saloon to every 127 persons. In these calculations fractions have been dropped.

There are 138,204 more saloon keepers than ministers of the gospel, and 123,267 more saloons than churches in the United States. An average of one to every 290 inhabitants.

We are pleased to note, however, that much earnest effort, in a general sense, is being manifested in the way of temperance reform. Temperance societies, clubs, leagues and associations are doing effective service in moulding a sentiment against the evils of drink. An earnest, persistent opposition against the nefarious traffic is being awakened in the evangelical world, as never before.

A MAMMOTH PETITION.

The great polyglot petition, which a commission of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union will present to the principal governments of the world to secure legislation prohibiting traffic in liquor and opium, has already over 3,000,000 names of signers and endorsers. The petition is said to be fifteen miles in length. Four million names will be secured and then the commission will start in the autumn of 1895. It will be presented in Washington, then in London, Rome, Athens, Jerusalem, Cario, Bombay, Canton, Columbo, Tokio, Australia, reaching San Francisco in June, 1896. A special steamer will carry the commission in their tour round the world. One million more signers are wanted. Write to Miss Alice E. Briggs, 1107 The Temple, Chicago, for blanks.—*W. C. T. U. Bulletin.*

It is gratifying to note the position of the papal delegate, Satolli, in supporting the position of Bishop Watterson, with reference to the expulsion of liquor dealers from membership in Catholic societies. That class of dealers, to whom this refers, confess that "The strict enforcement of this decree would be a severe blow to the liquor trade."

Unity of work on the lines of morality and temperance between Protestants and Catholics is more and more apparent.

In the face of the awfulness of the drink habit, and in respect to what is being and should be done, therefore be it

Resolved, (1st.) That we as ministers of the gospel, take an uncompromising stand, both by preaching and precept, against the desolating traffic.

Resolved, (2d.) That we, moreover, pledge ourselves against the ruinous and needless use of narcotics, such as opium and tobacco.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. Ross,
Sandy Christian,
Richard Brown,
Carter Wright,
David T. Caliman,
Committee.

Resolved, That we do not only recognize the gospel temperance movement and the W. C. T. U., but that we shall work in conjunction with them as far as it is and may be advisable for us to do so.

W. S. Lowry.
H. A. Grant,
J. M. Morris,

Committee on Bible Cause.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

We recognize the bible as the efficient agent in bringing the world to Christ. Its progressiveness is evident in the fact that to-day the bible can be furnished in three hundred different languages, whereas the christians toiled for sixteen centuries before publishing it in sixty versions. But now the nineteenth century adds to the list 250 more, so we have the bible printed in 300 different languages, fifty-five of which are in African.

Never was there such a golden age as the present; never have there been so many souls won for Christ; never have so many bibles gone into the hands of the people. Last year ten million (10,000,000) copies of the bible were distributed. This is more than the combined circulation of the works of the most popular authors of to-day. The word of God leads them all and is more triumphant than ever before. It has gone into the hospitals and prisons and is the means of spreading light in the dark continent of Africa.

As a great means of spreading the truth of christianity, the Christian Endeavor Society is performing no little part. In almost every community of the United States and in foreign countries this society is found. Forty thousand of these noble workers in the interest of the spread of bible truths met in the city of Cleveland.

Be it Resolved, That we, the pastors of the Pittsburg Conference, renew our efforts in collecting more money in the future than we have in the past for bible cause. Be it further

Resolved, That we recommend to members of the Third Episcopal District that Bishop B. W. Arnett be made a life member of the board of control of the Bible Society.

I. B. Till,
J. J. Morris,
A. Smothers, Sec.

Committee on Missions.

To the Bishop and Members of the Conference:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to make the following report:

The subject that claims our attention at this time is one that would well fill an angel's heart and claim the attention of all earth and heaven, namely: The redemption of the uncivilized world.

That we might have a better idea of what is demanded of us as christians, we must weigh souls by Christ's estimate of them. This world in which we move contains one and one-half billions (1,500,000,000) of people. About 30,000,000 of these are communicants in Protestant churches. We may safely say that one-half of them are nominal christians, while the other half are truly converted. While on the other hand there is but one out of every one thousand of the human race saved, or, that we might paint the picture that you may better see it: Nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every one thousand live and die without Christ. Let us go still further. Divide the world into one million five hundred thousand companies of one thousand each, and but one in each company is saved, while nine hundred and ninety-nine will meet us at the bar of God. The question will be: "Shall we be censured by them for their lost condition, or shall it or shall it not be said of us, we have done what we could for the glory of God by the saving of humanity? Is it not enough to chill the blood in our veins to think of the slothfulness of the church? It is estimated by the latest statistics that about one million human souls are entering eternity every day. Should we not, with the poet, sing:

Let none hear you idly saying:
There is nothing I can do,
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth,
Here am I; send me, send me.

Thank God there is much we can do every day for the Master. For every minister in this broad land there is 1,750 persons, while in Africa each missionary has on an average 200,000 souls to battle with, besides the difficulties of ignorance and superstition. Yet God is leading us on to sure victory. "Marching must be done," says our most venerable and beloved Bishop Arnett, and to do that all must resolve to do something. If we cannot make brick we must consent to carry water or straw. Who is it that cannot help in this grand work? I answer, none. If we cannot go to Africa ourselves as missionaries, we can help others in the next best way, and that by placing our hands into our pockets and giving a helping hand; by working up our own community and inspiring all we come in contact with to go to work and do all they can. Would you believe it that our church does not average one and a half cents per member for foreign missionary work? The mother church that's the M. E. church) raised and expended

in Africa last year $26,720 by the members of their self-supporting work; raised and expended by missionary societies, $6,240; special appropriation, $3,600; making a total of $36,565. To this African work they have 2,756 members, 144 probationers, with 54 local preachers and fully as many native workers and missionaries. If they would give the A. M. E. church that amount for ten years we would take Africa for God.

Our church raised last year for foreign mission work, $6,104.68. Of this $3,629.91 was sent to Africa, $752.76 to the West Indies and $716.00 to St. Domingo.

We have twenty-four missionaries at work in the field, quite a number of native helpers and two Conferences, with a membership of 1,400. Through God our secretary is doing the best he can with the means placed in his hands.

We connot say too much in praise of our present missionary committeeman and chairman of our Committee on Missions, Rev. W. S. Lowry, for the life he has infused into the Conference and, indeed, into the Third Episcopal District. The love of missions has been so stirred up by him that it has leaped across the line and fired up the Ohio and North Ohio Conferences, and by his resolution for a missionary convention our beloved and sainted bishop, D. A. Payne, appointed a district convention at Columbus, Ohio, July, 1893, but little over one year ago.

All praise to his dear wife, Sister Lida Lowry and Sister Emma Ransom in their grand effort with their magazine, *Light and Love for Heathen Africa.* May it ever live to bless the world and especially Africa. We trust that every member of the Conference will pledge himself to do all he can to make it a success, and in so doing we will bring to our homes invaluable helps from our foreign fields for our encouragement, by placing us in touch with brethren and sisters of Africa, who have placed themselves on the altar for God and the unsaved.

We would urge the continuance of the after-collection for the foreign work. God ever bless the work.

W. S. Lowry,
W. N. Young,
Geo. C. Sampson.

Report of Preachers' Aid Society.

WHEELING, W. VA., Thursday, Oct. 4, 1894.

Preachers' Aid Society met in regular session, with President J. J. Norris in the chair. The roll was called and the members paid their annual dues of $1. (See roll on record for 1894, page 32.)

On motion of Rev. W. H. Brown, that the present officers be continued. Carried. President, J. J. Norris; Vice President, G. G. Skinner; Treasurer, G. C. Sampson; Secretary, J. W. Jeffries.

On motion of Rev. Sampson, that the claims of sick members for the past year be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee. Ordered.

The society adjourned, to meet at the call of the chairman. Amount collected, $39.25.

WHEELING, W. VA., Friday, Oct. 5, 1894.

The Preachers' Aid Society reconvened, with President Norris in the chair. Rev. G. C. Sampson, treasurer, made his report. On motion of Rev. I. N. Ross the report was adopted. On motion of Rev. D. S. Bentley, that the money on hand be put out on interest. The motion was amended that $50.00 be kept in the hands of the treasurer for any emergency that may arise.

The Executive Committee made the following recommendations: That Rev. D. J. Johnson be paid $20.00, Rev. Richard Brown $7.00 and Rev. W. H. Brown $10.00.

I. N. ROSS,
D. S. BENTLEY,
W. S. LOWRY,
Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To the Bishop and Members of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Pittsburg Conference:

We have been greatly blessed of God this year. There has been but little sickness.

Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., having been quite ill for three weeks, has thoroughly recovered, for which we are thankful.

Rev. R. Brown reports of having been sick during the year, and also Rev. D. J. Johnson reports having been sick for six months, the same corroberated by C. Asbury, P. E.

No call was made through the executive board during the past year on the treasurer for aid.

Left in hands of treasurer last year	$176 93	
Received dues this year	46 00	
Total in treasury		$222 93
Paid by order of board to the following (October 6, 1894)		
Rev. W. H. Brown	$10 00	
Rev. R. Brown	7 00	
D. J. Johnson	20 00	
		37 00
Balance in treasury, Oct. 6, 1884		$185 93

GEORGE C. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. C. H. Brown the Preachers' Aid Society adjourned, to meet in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 1895.

J. W. JEFFRIES, Sec.

Committee on Circuits and Stations.

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 6, 1894.

We your Committee on Circuits, Stations and Missions submitt the following report on recommendations:

PITTSBURG DISTRICT — That Braddock, Pa., be made a station. That Duquesne be attached to Homestead and be called the Homestead Circuit. That McConnellsburg and Mercersburg be attached to Bedford Circuit. That McKeesport be made a station. That Bellevernon and Charleroi be made a circuit and called the Charleroi Circuit.

WHEELING DISTRICT—That Mannington be taken up and called the Mannington Mission.

Signed on behalf of committee.

C. ASBURY,
W. H. BROWN,
C. A. MCGEE,
D. S. BENTLEY,
JOHN W. RILEY, Sec'y.

Committee on Sunday-Schools.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:

We beg leave to submit the following report:

We recognize the fact that the Sunday-school is the primary department of the church, where the young children are first impressed with the sublime truths of divine revelation, that are so stamped upon their hearts and minds as to leave a lasting impression for good. We realize that the work of training and indoctrinating the children in the Sunday-school is second to no other work this side of heaven. It is a work that angels might envy, and men and women ought to delight in. Many of the great minds of to-day, both in church and state, can look back upon the Sunday-school as having laid the foundation upon which the grand superstructure of their useful and successful lives have been built. The Sabbath-school has opened up an avenue of religious instruction to the minds of the children such as the world never dreamed of in the highest period of its civilization and advancement.

God bless the memory of John Raikes. "Unborn generations will rise up and call him blessed." We bless God that we have a "John Raikes," of our own race and church, in the person of Rev. C. S. Smith, D. D., of the A. M. E. Sunday-school Union, who has led on the grand army of young African Methodist children to certain victory, and has given us a Sunday-school literature second to none published throughout this broad land, all prepared by our own hands and by our own press. The magnitude of the Sunday-school work demands the best efforts of the heart and brain of our consecrated ministry and laity, to build up the work and to lift up a standard and gather in the children, that they may be trained for God and the church.

Last year we had reported 219 teachers, 319 officers and 3,255 scholars. We raised for Sunday-school purposes, $2,-128.80. We have not received the report for this year yet, but we trust that it will be in advance of last year. God has blessed us in the past and we believe he will prosper us in the future. Our Conference is divided into three Sunday-school districts, viz.: Pittsburg, Allegheny and Wheeling. Grand conventions were held in the Pittsburg and Wheeling districts that were largely attended and overflowing with enthusiasm.

Owing to the financial depression and a strike among the miners on the Monongahela river, the Allegheny Sunday-school district could not hold their convention, but the district is in a good condition and the schools are all prospering.

We are glad to note the fact that our beloved Sunday-school Union is on the road to prosperity and success, having successfully weathered the financial crisis, and is moving along gradually under the able management of Dr. C. S. Smith, who returned from a foreign voyage, reinvigorated in health and full of zeal for the cause. Respectfully,

RICHARD TANNER,
R. M. HENDERSON,
C. H. BROWN.

Appointments for Sunday, Oct. 7.

WAYMAN CHAPEL—10:30 A. M., Ordination, by Bishop Arnett. 3 P. M., Mite Missionary and Memorial. 7:30 P. M., Rev. W. B. Derrick, D. D.

SIMPSON M. E. CHURCH—10:30 A. M., Rev. I. N. Ross. 3 P. M., Rev. Richard Tanner. 7:30 P. M., Rev. D. F. Caliman.

THOMSON M. E. CHURCH—10:30 A. M., Rev. Dr. Asbury. 7:30 P. M., Rev. R. C. Ransom, D. D.

UNION BAPTIST—10:30 A. M., Rev. G. C. Sampson. 7:30 P. M., Rev. G. G. Skinner.

WESLEY M. E. CHURCH—10:30 A. M., Rev. J. W. Jeffries. 7:30 P. M., Rev. W. S. Lowry.

NORTH ST. M. E. CHURCH—10:30 A. M., Rev. John F. Hamilton. 7:30 P. M., Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D.

CHAPLINE ST. M. E. CHURCH—10:30 A. M., Rev. R. H. Morris. 7:30 P. M., Prof. T. D. Scott, A. M.

BAPTIST CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT—10:30 A. M., Rev. Carter Wright. 7:30 P. M., Rev. W. H. Pride.

FOURTH ST. M. E. CHURCH—10:30 A. M., Dr. W. B. Derrick. 7:30 P. M., Dr. S. T. Mitchell, A. M.

BRIDGE PARK ISLAND—3 P. M., Mrs. H. M. Nasmyth will speak.

M. E. CHURCH, BRIDGEPORT, OHIO—7:30 P. M., Rev. I. B. Till.

M. E. CHURCH, BELLAIRE, OHIO—10:30 A. M., A. E. Walden. 7.30 P. M., H. A. Grant.

Respectfully,

C. ASBURY,
W. H. BROWN,
J. W. RILEY.
P. A. SCOTT.

Committee on State of Church and Country.

WHEELING, W. VA., October 6, 1894.

To the Bishop and Conference :

Your committee most respectfully submit the following:

The church is the particular institution through which the world is being lifted to a higher plane of enlightenment and civilization. Christianity is not waning, but has more influence in the world than ever before. The chariot of the gospel is moving and the sound of the trumpet is being heard in the ears of 500,000,000 of the inhabitants of the earth. The organization of the church was never so thorough as it is to-day.

There is being fostered in the bosom of the church many auxiliaries, which are doing valiantly for the Lord and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, undenominational in its make-up and evangelical in its operations, is reaching and striking the souls of thousands throughout the christian world. This organization brings together the largest gatherings of any christian organization in the world.

The Young Men's and Young Woman's Christian Associations are doing good work. The Epworth League, a child of Methodism, is impressing the truths of God's word on many hearts and minds.

The missionary societies are operating for the conversion of the world and the work is progressing encouragingly. The dark places of the earth are being lighted by the light of the knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Great revivals have attended the labors of his ministers of gospel truth and thousands of precious souls have been saved from sin. Notwithstanding the hard times brought on by the unsettled condition of the monetary affairs of the country, the work of erecting church edifices has been carried on extensively. Some of the handsomest and most costly buildings have been erected. We are glad to notice the improvement in the style of architecture to be seen among the churches of our land.

Our country is seriously affected by the general depression of the money market. The strikes among miners and of railroad men have proven to be very disastrous to our general interests. On account of these, thousands of workmen have been idle. We deplore the exhibitions of viciousness on the part of laboring men, while these strikes were on, in the destruction of human life and property. We believe that such exhibitions are largely due to the lack of intelligence and want of an understanding between capital and labor. Capital

and labor are dependent on each other as one hand is dependent on the other. Capital cannot turn the wheels of industry without labor and labor cannot find employment unless capital furnishes the machinery. During the past year one of the largest cities in our country was under martial law for a time to the end that her inhabitants might be protected from the fiendish acts of bloodthirsty and lawless mobs. We regret that this became necessary and pray that no cause may arise in the future to warrant its repetition.

We believe with all our hearts in the teachings of the fourth commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and the observance of the first day of the week as the Sabbath day under the Christian dispensation is in accordance with the teaching of our Divine Lord in the New Testament. This is a holy day and not a holiday; not a day of recreation and pleasure only, but a day set apart for the worship of God and meditation on his law and goodness toward the children of men. The civil law should vie with the law of God in prohibiting ordinary labor and engaging in secular business on the Sabbath day. It is a matter of regret that in many of the cities of our land the doors of business houses, and especially the liquor saloons are not closed on this sacred day. In some localities legislation is needed for the accomplishment of this end, and in others that which is needed is men in office with sufficient backbone to enforce the law, in this particular, already spread on the statute books of the states. We observe that the physical world in every department needs rest and that the object of our God in setting apart one day in the seven days of the week was to bless the world and bring glory to himself.

We would not shut the doors of our country to our neighbors in foreign lands, but unrestricted immigration threatens the overthrow of our American institutions and the disturbing of the peace and happiness of our American republic. We regard the outrages perpetrated upon our people in this so-called land of the free and home of the brave, as being far below the American idea of civilization, and that the hanging, shooting and burning of negroes because of their condition and color, without fair and impartial trials for their liberty and lives, ought to be stopped. We believe that a man is a man,—nothing more and nothing less—no matter what his color may be, and that he ought to be treated as such wherever he goes. The negro is to all intents and purposes an American, and he is thoroughly Americanized and in sympathy wtth every American interest; true to his country and loyal to his flag. The torch of intelligence is lighted on every hill-top and in every valley its light is increasing and the darkness of ignorance, which tosters prejudice and holds

on to discrimination in public affairs, is being driven away. This forms the basis for hoping that a better day is coming by and by.

Resolved, That the church is the most progressive institution in the world and is doing more for the enlightenment of the mind and bettering the condition of mankind than any other.

Resolved, That we, the representatives of a great organization in the Christian church, members of the Pittsburg Conference, hold dear to our hearts the country whose soil we have helped to cultivate and enrich, for which our father's blood was shed and which we have helped to save and make great.

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with every movement and organization which advocates the better and proper observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved, That we will not fail to speak out against the tolerance of lynch law within our borders, and that we demand justice, equal rights and privileges to all men without distinction. Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
JOHN W. RILEY,
CHARLES A. MCGEE,
Committee.

In Memoriam.

To the Bishop and Members of the Conference:

We, your Committee on Memoirs, submit the following:

Every age produces its own great men. No man can be great without the essential elements of greatness in him. That they are developed to the highest degree of fitness by cultivation is a fact prominent in the existence of every great character known in the annals of history.

RT. REV. DANIEL A. PAYNE, D. D., LL. D.

The life and character of Rt. Rev. Daniel A. Payne, D. D., LL. D., is too well known in this great country, both in church and state, for your committee to attempt an extensive delineation of the same, on this occasion. In his departure to the better and happier country, the A. M. E. Church loses one of the brightest lights that ever emitted a Christian lustre in her ranks.

Rt. Rev. Daniel Alexander Payne, senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and chancellor of Wilberforce University, departed this life at his residence, Evergreen cottage, Wilberforce, Ohio, November 29, 1893. He was born Sunday, February 24, 1811, in the city of Charleston, S. C., making him nearly eighty-three years of age at the time of his death. Bishop Tanner, in his "Apology for African Methodism," says: "Bishop D. A. Payne, born of Methodist parents, at the early age of fifteen joined that church, and at eighteen was converted within its fold. A youth of promise, a benevolent society of colored men called the "Minor's Moralist Society," sent him to school, where he learned to read, write and cipher. His knowledge of the natural sciences, and of the mathematics as far as the six books of Euclid, was acquired in his native city, without any foreign aid beyond his text books. He had also made some progress in Latin, Greek and French in the same way. His theological training was at Gettysburg, Penn., in the General Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

He was the founder of an educated ministry, not only of our church but of the colored ministry of the country. No man perperhaps, was more abused than Bishop Payne, because he maintained that no man uneducated could intelligently preach the gospel in its purity. Yet he lived to see the day when his abuses were turned into praises and laudations. As a scholar he was a theologian, scientist and philosopher—the chief of his race. Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne was known in England as well as in this country; he had been the guest of lords and dukes. He had spent much of his time in France, perfecting himself in the French language. He was cool and collected in whatever he was engaged, and stood firm by his convictions; he was the friend of young men and helped them to rise if they would help themselves. He despised vice and corruption; he lived and died a spotless life as far as morality is concerned. Surely a great man has fallen. Small in stature but great and large in mind and soul; great in goodness, grand in morals, and wonderful in religious life. God grant that we may copy his life of morality and religion.

The body of a consecrated disciple of Christ has been laid to rest, who, while living, had his faculties quickened and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Devoted to the work of God, his was a temple in which God said He would dwell. Bishop D. A. Payne was a thoroughly, so far as finite mind can conceive, a consecrated man, which he openly proclaimed to the world. He would have all men to know that he took God as his chief good and safe leader, Christ his prince and saviour, the Holy Spirit his sanctifier, teacher, guide and comforter. The word of God as his rule in all his actions, and the people

of God to be his people, dedicating unto God his whole service. Such a life is a special loss to the church, but our loss is his great gain and the change of habitation is a home in heaven. He has left his footprints in the sands of time, in good deeds, good words and books of an intellectual and moral stamp.

He came to the grave in a ripe old age. Bishop Payne will be missed, but not lost. The disciples of Christ was caused to sorrow on account of the departure of their Saviour and friend, but the church which he came to establish lives more and more, proving the words of Christ, "Greater works than these shall ye do." So the life and work of Bishop Payne still and will live. His work is finished and he rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

BISHOP THOMAS MYERS DECATUR WARD.

Death is the common inheritance of the race. It is nothing new to observe here and there, only too frequently, the extinguishing of brilliant lights, by what we call the "grim monster," and we have learned to regard death as the cruel enemy of the race. But when the babe, with its innocent little soul, pure and spotless, is translated by death into the regions of eternal day, ere it has become tarnished by earth's stains; when the man of years, who has passed through the bitter experience of life and who has ripened for the kingdom of God under the fierce heat of burning afflictions, falls asleep in the arms of Jesus, we have cause for rejoicing and regarding death as our best and truest friend.

June 11, 1894, the Lord of the Harvest, regarding the late Bishop Thomas Myers Decatur Ward, as a ripened sheaf, he was gathered unto the garner of our God. We shed tears of sadness over our loss and from a human standpoint could wish it otherwise. But the judge of all the earth will do right, and we bow in submission before his all-wise decree. Since the tumult of sorrow has subsided and reason has resumed its sway, let us gather a few lessons from the life and character of Bishop Thomas M. D. Ward.

He was born in Hanover, Pa., Sept. 28, 1823; converted in 1838; licensed to preach, 1843; joined the itenerancy, 1846; ordained a deacon, 1847; ordained elder, 1849, by Bishop William Paul Quinn, and ordained bishop in 1868. Such is a brief review of the life of this great man. After his ordination as elder, he went out on the Pacific coast, and for fourteen years he contended against disadvantages, which a new and scarcely populated country could afford. He labored with all his energy and success attended his efforts. But he was working for the Master with a disinterested love, placing no value upon anything, neither counting his life dear. When

he appeared in the general Conference, with his heart filled with holy fire, and poured out his soul in his glowing description of his work in the west and how God had so abundantly blessed his labor in saving souls for the kingdom, the universal opinion was, "Here is the man whom God has called to the bishopric." And so, without having come before the conference as a candidate, and in the face of many who had announced their approval as such, he was elected to that high and holy office.

The lesson of this part of the life is, that real merit will meet with its deserved compensation. It matters not how arduous the task, or how far from familiar scenes and associations it may call us, or how unpromising the field, if God calls, it is for us to obey. And whether we see the goal of our ambition, or a direct path along the line which we are pursuing or not, let us consecrate ourselves to the work and leave the result with God.

There is another lesson: That the ultimate verdict of the world is right. This is exemplified in the life of Bishop Ward. His selection to the Episcopacy was no mistake. Every interest of the church was guarded with the same zeal which characterized his work in the west. God had blessed him with an irresistible eloquence, and he exercised this gift in stirring an enthusiasm in his men. He tolerated no sluggard, but took up the banner of progress, stepped to the head of the column and said to his men, "Come on! follow your leader." His maxim was "to the front," and any who had not that progressive spirit in him had no place in his work. In church extention, in membership, in money for local and connectional interests, Bishop Ward's district headed the van. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of these bishops the church has sustained a great loss; not an irreparable loss, for the sure beneficent Father, who gave to this generation Daniel A. Payne and M. D. Ward, can raise up others who can carry on the work laid down by them. But we must look to Him who holds the destinies of nations in his hands for their successor and pray Him that the young men of this age may be so imbued with the Spirit of the Living God that they may be measured up to the responsibilities devolving upon them. Be it further

Resolved, That we offer their noble lives, bright examples, their intense earnestness, indefatigable zeal and tireless energy to the coming young men and women of our church and race as models to be emulated as the only true solution to the problem of life.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. Bentley, R. H. Morris,
S. C. Honesty, D. F. Caliman.
Alexander Smothers,

SISTER SARAH E. GORHAM.

Who departed this life August 10, 1894, was our missionary at Magbelly, of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, Africa, and was just 60 years old, 36 of which were spent in the Master's service. Having spent about ten years in Africa, she subsequently, in 1889, offered her services to the A. M. E. church as a missionary. "Arriving at Sierra Leone the same year in September," says Elder Frederick, P. E., "we traveled together to all our mission stations in the interior and she stood by my side in some of the greatest revivals we had. I have frequently been astonished at the wonderful power of endurance she possessed, and above all the extraordinary spiritual gifts and graces by which she was endowed. She was, indeed, mighty in word and deed."

Returning to America in 1891, but "feeling that in the church at home there were so many, and that her work would be best directed to the heathens of her fatherland," to Africa her last energies were given.

Being endorsed and assisted by the P. M. M. Society, she returned to Africa, arriving on the 28th of December, 1893, "full of consecration and cheer." The first week in July she was taken with fever.

To Elder Frederick we are indebted for the following beautiful narrative: "Her life was unique, her death no less. She has left us a precious legacy." Hastening to her bedside she exclaimed, "The Master has come, and said, 'Sarah, the time of your departure is at hand.'" "Are you ready?" I asked her, and she replied: "I have packed up long ago; glory to God, I have fought a good fight. Say to them all, (friends in America) not one good thing hath failed which the Lord hath spoken; all came to pass." I administered the holy communion that night to her as she requested. It was a season of rich blessing, which I cannot describe. Next morning when I called, the first thing she said was, "I have never been so dissapointed in all my life, for I fully expected by this time to have been shouting on the other side." She, however, gradually sank but was perfectly conscious to the last—without a shadow of death or fear, consciously upheld by the Everlasting Arms, till on Friday morning, at 2 o'clock, she quietly slept in the arms of Jesus.

WHEREAS, We have meditated with profound interest upon the life and death of this heroic and noble Christian woman; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as Christian ministers, all lovers of Mission Endeavor, be more active for God and Africa than ever before.

SISTER CARY YOUNG,

Daughter of Rev. William Young, was born in Baltimore, Md., August 15, 1874, died in Greensburg, Pa., December 28, 1893, in the triumphs of living faith.

D. F. CALIMAN, Conference Secretary,

Committee on First and Second Year's Studies.

WHEELING, W. VA., Oct. 5, 1894.

To the Bishops and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:

We, your Committee on First and Second Year's Studies, having examined Brother R. H. Bummery on the studies prescribed in our form of discipline, after a careful written examination, he having made the required average of 80 on all branches, we therefore recommend him to the studies of the third year. Respectfully submitted,

REV. W. H. PALMER, M. D.,
REV. BENJAMIN WHEELER,
REV. W. H. BROWN.

Committee on Third and Fourth Year's Studies.

WHEELING, W. VA., Oct. 5, 1894.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your Committee on Third and Fourth Year's Studies, beg leave to report that we have examined Rev. Price A. Scott in the fourth year's studies, who passed a good examination; standing grade was 90 per cent. Therefore, we recommend him to be ordained elder. We also recommend that Brothers. J. W. Saunders, M. S. Jones, S. P. West and T. A. J. West, bring up the third year's studies next year,

Respectfully submitted,

C. ASBURY,
D. S. BENTLEY,
R. TANNER,
W. S. LOWRY,
R. H. MORRIS.

Committee on Admissions.

WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 6, 1894.

We, your Committee on Admissions, beg leave to submit the following:

That the following brethren be received on probation in the Conference: Brothers J. P. Wallace, T. J. Askew, J. W. Brown, Julis Paige, E. H. McNight and Israel Holmes, each having stood good examinations. We also recommend for the itinerancy: Brothers T. J. Simmons, G. W. Webster and Charles Garner, who, in our judgment, should be received. Brothers Elijah Bazier and M. J. Harris not having sustained an examination, we cannot recommend them for active work.

G. G. SKINNER,
ISHMAEL B. TILL,
JOHN W. RILEY,
J. N. ROSS,
GEO. C. SAMPSON.

Report of Committee on Finances.

We, your Committee on Finances, most respectfully submit the following:

Received this year—Dollar Money		$1,267 25
" " " Missionary Money		263 12
" " " Contingent Money		101 64
Total received by Committee for Disbursements		$1,632 01
Received Bible Cause money	$ 34 13	
" Endowment money	40 03	
" Mite Missionary money	110 17	
" Church Extension money	6 02	
Total received		$ 190 35
Paid out—Bible Cause money	$ 34 13	
" Endowment money	38 03	
" Mite Missionary money	103 64	
" Church Extension money	19 94	
Total paid out		$ 195 74
Overpaid Church Extension	$13 92	
Dr. to Endowment Fund	2 00	
Dr. to Mite Missionary Fund	6 53	

The above discrepencies will be adjusted at the next Conference.

Disbursements of Dollar Money as follows:

Paid to Financial Secretary		$ 684 32
Paid to Church Extension Secretary		76 03
Conference percentage	$506 90	
Paid to Bishop Arnett	$80 00	
" W. G. Ralph, superanuated preacher	50 00	
" Clarissa West, widow	25 00	
" Gracie Offer, widow	25 00	
" Annie E. Jackson, widow	25 00	
" Mary E. Russell and children	30 00	
" Margaret Jones and child	30 00	
" Margaret Evans and child	25 00	
" Fanny Cyus and child	25 00	
" Orphan children (2) of Brother Jackson	25 00	
" Orphan Children of Brother Lewis	10 00	
" Sister Watt, widow	25 00	
" Martha Lacey, widow and two children	30 00	
" Jessie P. Wallace, student at Wilberforce	50 00	
" Dr. Derrick for Columbian Medal	25 00	
" Preacher's Aid Society, borrowed money	29 00	509 00
Total paid out		$1,269 35
Missionary Money received		$ 263 12

Disbursed as follows:

Paid to General Secretary Missionary Fund	$105 42	
" D. J. Johnson	10 00	
" Charles Garner	10 00	
" W. N. Young	5 00	
" J. M. Brown	5 00	
" T. J. Simmons	5 00	
" Sandy Christian	10 00	
" M. S. Jones	15 00	
" J. W. Riley	35 00	
" Richard Bummery	30 00	
" Charles Arnold	5 00	
" W. H. Pride	10 00	
" J. W. Barber	5 00	
" Harry Williams	5 00	
" Julius Paige	5 00	
" J. W. Saunders	5 00	
Total paid out		$ 265 42

Contingent Money received and disbursed:

Received		$ 101 64
Paid hall rent	$20 00	
" Conference Secretary	10 00	
" Recording Secretary	5 00	
" Statistical Secretary	5 00	
" Church Sexton	5 00	
" For printing slips, hauling trunk, stationery, etc.	6 80	
" For Conference Credentials	3 50	
" For hauling organ to hall	1 50	
" To the Pastor for buggy hire and stationery	22 10	
" To T. B. Bynum	7 00	
" To Israel Holmes	5 00	
Total paid out		$ 90 90

RECAPITULATION.

Received Dollar Money	$1,267 25	
" Missionary Money	263 12	
" Contingent Money	101 64	
Total		$1,632 01
Other money reported		190 35
Grand Total Received		$1,822 36
Paid to Financial Secretary	$ 684 32	
" Church Extension percentage	76 03	
" Conference percentage disbursed	509 00	
" Missionary money disbursed	265 42	
" Contingent money disbursed	90 90	
Total	$ 1,625 67	
Other money paid out	195 74	
Grand total		$1,821 41
Balance		95

W. H. BROWN,
W. S. LOWRY,
I. N. ROSS,
J. M. MORRIS,
B. WHEELER,
Committee.

Report of Sunday-School Union.

NASHVILLE, TENN., October, 1894.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Greetings:

DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN:—You have doubtless assembled with a keen appreciation of the goodness and mercies of Almighty God which has permitted you to meet in another Annual Conference. May the presence and guidance of Divine Wisdom be with you throughout the session.

I would respectfully submit, as corresponding secretary and treasurer, the Twelfth Annual Statement of the Sunday-School Union of the African Methodist Episcopal Church:

Name of charge, sender, and the amount of Children's Day money sent from Pittsburg Conference.

Allegheny—David F. Caliman	$3 00
Allegheny—R. D. Bentley	7 00
Bradford City—C. B. Draper	2 00
Bridgewater—Rev. G. W. Webster	2 00
Bloomsburg—J. W. Brown	75

Bellefonte—S. C. Honesty	5 00
Brownsville—J. M. Morris	2 50
Charleroi—Louisa Hughes	3 10
Duquesne—J. B. Gainage	1 00
Erie—Martha Gorden	2 90
Elizabeth—Rev. B. Wheeler	3 50
Franklin—Albert Lawson	1 50
Greensburg—Lewis H. Nimney	1 00
Homestead—H. G. Thomas	1 23
Jersey Shore—Rev. H. Johnson	1 00
Lock Haven—Albert Jackson	60
Monongahela—J. J. Jones	1 15
Mercersburg—William Wright	3 23
Middleton, West—A. Smothers	2 00
New Brighton—R. Brown	1 72
New Haven—Rev. C. N. Woodson	2 71
Pittsburg, S.—A. E. Waldon	1 60
Philipsburg—H. A. Grant	4 25
Parkersburg—Peter Woodburn	2 60
Uniontown—C. Wright	3 50

My report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1894, showed the business amounted to $17,250.12, an increase of $756.89 over the previous fiscal year; Children's Day money, $2,478.94; total receipts, $19,729.06. Expenses, $23,749.88. Expenses in excess of receipts, $4,020.82. Our loans amounted to $5,753.44. Our total indebtedness, $9,768.61, against which we had $3,760.39 in cash and postage stamps, and stock amounting to $7,401.19. Total amount of cash and stock on hand, $11,161.58, which was $1,393.57 more than our entire indebtedness.

As Children's Day, 1895, will be the last in the present quadrennium, I implore you to be duly dilligent in effort in trying to make it a crowning success. Beseeching the blessings of Almighty God upon each and every one of you, officially and personally, and trusting that the present session of your Conference may be prosperous and harmonious, I am,

Fraternally, your obedient servant,

C. S. Smith,

Secretary and Treasurer of A. M. E. Church S. S. Union.

DOLLAR ROLL.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

WYLIE AVENUE A. M. E. CHURCH.—REV. I. N. ROSS, PASTOR.

The following members of Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa., paid one dollar and over: James H. Payne, David A. James, Jane Grandison, Mary F. Southern,

Mrs. S. Golden, Nannie Rideout, Josephine Baltimore, Dr. Robert Brady, Mrs. Mary Brady, Mary Dickson, J. E. Thompson, Mrs. D. Reynolds, William Martin, Mrs. Helen Martin, Gracie Offers, J. H. Beler, S. P. Golden, Mrs. Agultos, Dr. J. P. Golden, W. H. Jones, Margaret Wallace, Sadie Tollifero, W. H. Morris, James. H. Johnson, Tyler Alridge, David Girium, John C. Morton, Martha Reed, Mrs. A. P. Haliberton, Mary Brown, John H. Hirium, Lizzie Gibson, Lucy Knox, Mrs. John Peck, Harry Kinner, Cash, John Gilbert, $5; Anna Herbert, Fannie Carter, Harry Dodius, Moses Watson, Hannah Robison, Sophia Skinner, Thomas Brooks, Mr. Buraxter, Mr. Newsom, Mrs. Cora Washington, James H. Hardy, Abram Winn, $4.50; Martha Ramey, Kate Willard, C. L. Johnson, Mrs. V. Proctor, Hannah Carter, Anna Hickey, William Mason, Lizzie Singleton, Fred. Ragamand and family, $2.50; H. M. Wasmyth, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Sterling Austin, Emma Humbert, Lulu Hall, Charles Murray, Lewis Hill, Maggie L. Douse, M. Johnson, A. P. Haliburton, Ida Lee, A. Baltimore, Mrs. E. Thompson, Hampton Herbert, Mrs. S. Backell, Cornie A. Jackson, George B. Knox, B. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, $1.25; S. D. Roach, Willis Austin, J. H. Bealer, Herbert Gorden, J. H. Morris, Hattie Googins, P. W. Douse, C. M. Palmer, William Banks, Elizabeth Hawkins, Mrs. D. J. Dinquid, George A. Eglond, W. H. Rodgers, Mortimer Deminey, Taylor Jones, J. T. Brown, Harry Coleman, Susan Bates, George McDaniel, James Smith, Eliza Hill, Alice Hopkins, Martha Black, James Coates, Elien Coates, Carrie Coates, Mary Watson, Catherine Reed, D. J. Dinquid, Mrs. A. S. Billious, Mrs. George McDaniel, 9 Cash, $1 each.

The following paid seventy-five cents each: R. R. Thompson, Mrs. Rhoda Logan.

The following paid fifty cents each: Cornelius Scott, Cora Rixey, Nancy Douse, Edwards Dammonds, F. R. Vaugh, Blanche Woodson, John Lee, Lucy Austin, Mrs. M. R. Thompson, W. H. Hilton, Thomas J. Monroe, Henry Stanton, Bessie Monroe, Mrs. Gould, Mr. Cheathen, John Bell, Acacy Gould, Frederick James, Mr. and Mrs. Washington, Maggie J. Douse, Mrs. Nannie Thompson, Wm. Punch, Jane Lovett, Dr. Brady, Julia Logan, 3 Cash, 50 cents each.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Rhona Powell, Thomas Brooks, Master O. W. McDaniels, Miss Ethel McDaniels, Mrs. W. H. Hilton, Fannie Brooks, 7 Cash, 25 cents each. Grand total, $145.00

EAST END, PITTSBURG—ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH—REV. W. S. LOWRY, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Mrs. Lida A. Lowry, Mrs. Hattie Soloman, Ellen Banks, Alexander

Kelly, Mrs. V. Kelly, Robert Beasley, Hattie Beasley, Samuel Branson, Emanda Branson, Maggie Fields, Caroline Fields, Tillie Graham, William Thompson, Sarah Forbush, Mrs. L. E. Scott, E. E. Obrien, Mary Obrien, Lucinda Thompson, M. L. Merideth, Anna White, J. A. Hopkins, Mrs. J. Ashfield, Florence Harden, George Bullet, Maggie Paul, Lizzie Dean, Louisa J. Burley, Sophie Truly, George Lockley, Alice Scott, G. W. Caliman, Anna Bailey, Sadie D. Paul, Mrs. M. Nelson, Emma Misom, Emma Wilson, G. W. Gant, Robert Wheeler, Charles H. Washington, Walter B. Grinage, Mary Grinage, Robert Paul.

The following paid seventy-five cents each: Charles Adison, Mrs. C. Adison, J. B. Jackson, Mrs. J. B. Jackson.

The following paid fifty cents each: Francis McHenry, W. A. Brooks, John Paul, Mary E. Tobias, Hattie Pernell, Sarah A. Thompson, Gertrude Thompson, Samuel Forbush, W. D. Harrison, Fannie Banks, M. J. Banks, Josephine Patience, Ida Paul, Alexander Saunders.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Bessie Carter and Mrs. J. Anderson.

A. M. E. CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT—RICHARD TANNER, PASTOR.

The following members paid one dollar each: Mary Blue, Maggie Wood, Michael Wood, Maria Wesley, Harvey Dorsey, Mary C. Willis, Isaac Dunn, Hannah Green, Hettie Hall, Lizzie Dunn, Hannah Blue, Berkley Blue, Perry Summers, Victoria Branson, Annie Z. Goings, Eva J. Lovett, Jane Jackson, Louisa Blue, Nancy Peterson, John Gross, Cathrine Summers, John Brown, Annie White, David Blue, Sarah C. Blue, Josephine Jones, Elizabeth Obrien, Nancy Tanner, Mary Wagner, Job Jones, Joseph Anderson, Annie Alexander, Hester Newman, Mary E. Stevenson, Lewis Stevenson, Catharine Davis, John White, sr., Sarah Jones, Margaret Alexander, Maggie Parker, Bella Russell, Elias Alexander, Isaiah White, Annie White, Henry Newman, William Alexander, Alonzo Watson, Harriet Hagans, Howard Butler, Angie Burrows, Harriet Watson; Mary E. Russel, Annie Fisher, Lizzie Hutson, Cristiner Jones, Joseph Jones, Annie Moore, John Fairfax, William Fairfax, Charlotte Jones, Caroline Williams, Sarah White, Willis Branson.

The following paid seventy-five cents each: Elizabeth Besant, John White, jr.

The following paid fifty cents each: Sarah Hellensworth, Bella Blue, Lulu Tanner, Ettia Jones.

WILKESBARRE—ISMAEL B. TILL, PASTOR.

The following named persons paid one dollar each: Adam Woodson, Mary S. Smith, Jane Phœnix, Robert Cheesman,

Margaret Schockey, Catharine Norman, Samuel Norman, Augustus Edison, Henrietta Patterson, Catharine Nelson, Thomas Robertson, John Logan, George Young, William Mickens, John Williams, Liliah Johnson, Elminia Williams, John Fernman, Henry Wellington, Elizer Rollins, Henry Miller, John Branch.

The following persons paid fifty cents: Sarah D. Smith, Ella Cheeney, Sarah Mickens, Clara Norman.

A. M. E. CHURCH, ALTOONA—J. J. NORRIS, PASTOR.

The following named persons paid one dollar each: Thomas B. Shorter, Mary A. Shorter. A. Powell, Nancy Powell, E. M. Shorter, Maggie Paul, William Holmes, Frank Enty.

The following paid seventy-five cents: Martha Stokes.

The following paid fifty cents each: George Green, Arthur Enty, Samuel Paul, Frank Pratt, Susan Miller, Emma Brown. Total, $11.75.

HOWARD PLACE A. M. E. CHURCH—SCRANTON, PA.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Virginia Thomas, George Brown, Joseph King, Martha E. Harris, G. S. R. Miller, Horace Johnson, Lizzie Johnson, John Howard, T. J. Askew, Frank Johnson, Fannie Johnson, William Porter, Festus Crump, Eli Ivory, George Millers, Mary Tillman, William K. Harris, S. J. Porter, Gay McGee, Lewis E. Morton, Ella Keyes, Cephus Scott, Sadie J. Morton, Genevieve Plater, Dan Dorsey, Alamanza Porter, Edward Nelson, Abi Nelson, Pattie Patterson, James Foster, Fannie Williams, Mirian Howard, William Jiles.

The following paid fifty cents: Elnora Lane, Florence Lilly, Sarah Brown, Peter Hart, Fannie Hart, Elnora Crampton, Marshal Tinker, Lizzie Caldwell, Hattie Howard. Murilla Miller, Amy Brown, Minnie Howard, Edward and Carrie Jackson.

The following paid twenty-five cents: Mary E. Harris, Cecilia A. McGee, Lewis A. McGee. Total, $40.75.

GREENSBURG, PA.—WILLIAM N. YOUNG, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Vincent Stokes, Charles Stokes, Emory Stokes, Lee Little, Mary Walker, Francis Layton, Rachael Stokes, Ida Steward, Emma Dee Young, Eliza Smith, Bertha Layton, Albert T. Ferguson, James Monroe, John Cheeks, Catherine Lupton, Mrs. W. A. Young, Jacob White, Margaret Cole, Marshal Benaman.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: M. M. Simons, Mary Stokes, Augusta Stokes, James B. Grant, W. D.

Harris, William Nicholas, Vestie E. Taylor, Minnie Wright, Workman Simeons, James Monroe.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: John E. Johnson, Henry Deamos, Rosa Honley, William Hamer.

BRADDOCK CIRCUIT, PA.—H. G. THOMAS, PASTOR.

HOMESTEAD—The following persons paid one dollar each: Tucker Clark, Thomas Jackson, Nella Beverly, Elizabeth Jackson, Samuel Cundiff, David Richards, sr., Olive Bell, S. S. Talton.

The following paid fifty cents each: A. Stewart, Katie Steward, Lewis Carter.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Maggie Clark, J. Johnson. James Clark and John Clark, fifteen cents each.

BRADDOCK—The following persons paid one dollar each: Mrs. R. H. Wells, A. Yates, Ida Lee, Miss P. E. Poague, J. W. Arnold, Mary H. Washington, W. H. Washington, Mary D. Taylor, Lucy B. Thompson.

Mary A. Yates, seventy-five cents. Anna Jackson, Sarah Clark, Louisa Irwin, fifty cents each. Mrs. Carter, W. H. Fogans, S. Thompson, twenty-five cents each. Total, $23.05.

PAYNE CHAPEL, NEW HAVEN—REV. C. M. WOODSON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Sandy McNeal, Nettie McNeal, Della Woodson, B. Jones, James Buchanan, William Buchanan, Anna Buchanan, Emma War, Mary White, William Coleman, Maggie Jones, Mary Lewis, Elsie Gardner, Elizabeth Ross, John Benson, Virginia Benford, Harriet Barker, S. T. McFall, C. H. Brown, W. H. White, Minerva White, Annie Washington, Miss White, Mary Gorden, Rosie Pointdexter, Jonnson Fox.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: I. H. Thompson, Mary Thompson, George Carroll, E. Bowman, Alice Rhuloton, John Brown, George Rhuloton, Lulu Tolen. Wayman Woodson, Lulu Rhuloton, Annie Rhuloton. Lulu Hicks paid twenty-five cents. Total, $31.75.

MONTROSE CIRCUIT, O. T. DAVIS, PASTOR.

MONTROSE—The following persons paid one dollar each: Esterline Slaughter, Nimrod Slaughter, John Williams, P. Norris, Jane Norris, G. A. Free, G. L. Battle, G. L. Battle, jr., Kittie Battle, B. Nailer, Jane Wilson, Eliza Booery. Total, $12.00.

WAVERLY—The following persons paid one dollar each: E. Thomas, Sarah Lee, Susan Baker, C. Bradly, R. T. Davis, J. R. Johnson, G. A. Johnson, R. Norris, M. Norris. S. Sampson paid fifty cents. Total, $21.50.

PHILIPSBURG CIRCUIT—H. A. GRANT, PASTOR.

PHILIPSBURG, PA.—The following persons paid one dollar each: Eliza Carter, Elijah Onley, Charley Carter, Seldon Pollard, John Jones, Ellen Jordan, Jennie Paton, Jennie Clark, Walter Jackson, Cassius Clark, George Carter, Lloyd W. Riedonte, Lewis Mitchell.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Henry Bryant, Mary Chase, John Jackson, Bristol Burke, Mary Burke, Frederick Craig, Martha Jackson; Delphy Alexander, Mollie Page, Julia Gruber. Kate Jackson paid twenty-five cents.

CURWENSVILLE, Pa.—The following persons paid one dollar each: Lysandus S. Taylor, Hettie Taylor, Hunter Brock, Emma Watson.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Lottie Jones, John Webb, Anna Jones. Mary Hartshorn paid twenty-five cents. Grand total for Philipsburg and Curwensville, $23.00.

BELLEFONTE STATION—S. C. HONESTY, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Sarah F. Wilson, Lucy Steward, Tammy McDonald, Thomas Taylor, George Brown, Rachel Taylor, Annie Brown, Mary Pennington, Edward Overton, Florence Overton, Minnie Debois, A. V. Jackson, Ellen Thomas, William Mills, Matilda Dorsey, Ella Snyder, Mattie Hagans, Katie Miller, Lettie Carter, Celia Mills, Adaline Lawson, Frank Miller, Alf Steward, James Carter, Benjamin Williams.

The following paid fifty cents each: Jeff Hagans, Helen Mills, Caroline Monroe, Maria Jones, Maggie Valentine, Carrie Mills, Peter Jones, Malinda Miller, Nannie Jackson. The following paid twenty-five cents: Katie Jackson, Grace Jackson, Manda Pennington, Bertha Thomas, Gertie Honesty, Clara Williams. Total, $31.00.

LEWISTOWN CIRCUIT—T. S. SIMMONS, PASTOR.

LEWISTOWN—The following persons paid seventy-five cents: Hannah Johnson. The following paid fifty cents: James P. Hall, Mary J. Hall, W. A. H. Gibbens, Elizabeth E. Palmer, John H. Robison. The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Aaron Vincent, Henrietta Vincent, Sarah Dosey, Martha Dosey. Total, $4.25.

HUNTINGDON—The following persons paid one dollar each: John S. Murrell, Charles Slaughter, Theodosia Harris, Matilda Baker. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Sarah Keith, Henrietta Murrell. The following paid twenty-five cents each: Moses Toliver, Frances Toliver, Arminta Murrell. Total, $5.75. Grand total, $10.00.

LOCK HAVEN AND JERSEY CIRCUIT—REV. H. JOHNSON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Robert Butler, Clara Butler, Lucinda Stills. Paid seventy-five cents: Eliza Roberts. Paid fifty cents: James Tyler, Peter Brown, Mary Brown. Total, $5.75.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.—J. W. BROWN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Mrs. Emaline Hawkins, Mrs. Anna Suel, Mrs. Caroline Dennis, Mrs. Cora Brown, Rev. J. W. Brown. Paid fifty cents each: Rev. J. W. Hanson, Mrs. Amanda Dennis, Mrs. Rachel Henson. Paid twenty-five cents each: Miss Sarah Stuckie, Miss Ella Hanson. Total, $7.00.

BEDFORD AND EVERETT CIRCUIT—SANDY CHRISTIAN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: William Willis, John Bruce, Nancy Watkins. The following paid fifty cents: Mary E. Banks, George Slaughters, James Wagner, Mrs. James Wagner, Mrs. Elizabeth Christian, Preston Steward, Mrs. Preston Steward. Paid twenty-five cents: Jane Slaughters, Louise Washington, Anna B. Willis, Jane Johnson, Harriet Parker, Mage Brown.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH, MILTON, PA.—THOMAS B. BYNUM, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: William Coleman, William Marshall, George Hector, Edward Carter, Annie E. Bynum.

TYRONE, PA.—REV. CHARLES GARNER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar: Mrs. Emily J. Johnson, Miss Julia M. Garner, A. B. Plowden, George W. Byant. The following paid fifty cents: E. Willis, Mrs. Mary Garner. Total, $5.00

PITTSBURG MISSION—ISRAEL HOLMES, PASTOR.

The following named persons paid fifty cents each: Charles Wheeler, George Grose, William Jones, Mrs. Dorcy, Jane Hutchison, Mary Johnson, Mrs. Chatman, Ellen Sueles, Albert Dorcy, Mrs. Wheeler. Total, $5.00.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

BROWN CHAPEL—D. S. BENTLEY, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar: J. B. Anthony, James Brown, Sylvester Burrell, Anderson Black, Amanda Brown, Mary A. Beale, Miss Anna Bibbs, S. Anderson Bentley, Pricilla Crunkleton, Mrs. E. J. Cox, Joseph Crunkleton, George G. Crunkleton, Mrs. Anna Carson, J. T. Dorkins, Mrs. J. T. Dorkins, Mrs. Catharine Davis, R. J. Davis, Mrs. Rachel George, Lewis E. Harp, George Hutchinson, Ruth Jones, Annie Johnson, Georgiana Johnson, Emily Johnson, W. A. Jones, H. Kees, Winfred Lewis, Mrs. Anna Lewis, Mrs. Sarah Lethrick, Mrs. Luella Lane, James Lewis, Samuel M. Lewis, Mrs. Josie Lee, David R. Lee, Mrs. Nellie M. Miller, Thomas M. Moore, Mrs. Thomas Moore, Robert McGuire, James M. Page, Lewis Queen, Andrew Queen, E. H. Robinson, James Robinson, Mary H. Robinson, Sarah E. Stanton, Hester Smith, Charles Swaney, Mrs. E. W. Stevenson, Anna P. Thornton, Miss Mamie Thomas, William H. Frazier, Mrs. Sarah Catlin, Mrs. James M. Page, Miss Alverta Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Mrs. Lucy N. Watson, Mr. Wilson, H. N. Williams. Minnie Wesen, Mrs. E. Wilson A Friend. Paid seventy-five cents, Sarah Jackson.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Georgiana Bruce, W. H. Barnum, Mary A. Brooks, C. E. Butler, John Clark, Carrie E. Crunkleton, Hattie Crunkleton, W. H. Crunkleton, Joseph Cook, Richard Hunter, Martha Hunter, James Howard, L. V. Howard, Elizabeth V. Jackson, H. Jones, Florence R. Jones, Myrtle Jones, Carrie M. Jones, H. T. Jones, Maggie P. King, Jacob B. Long, Emma Long, Israel Kelly S. A. Pool, Mrs. G. A. Reed, Mary A. Roberts, Tillie C. Washington, Mrs. Margaret Wiley, Miss Maggie Wilson. Paid fifteen cents, Friend. Paid ten cents, Jordan Botts. Total, $76.50.

CHARTIERS STREET—DAVID F. CALLIMAN, PASTOR.

The following paid one dollar each: Annie Delaney, Rebecca and James Slifer, Myrtle Jefferson, Manzella Cox. Pearl and George Smith, Jennie Lucas, Ida Allie, Callie and Annie Richardson, Lizzie Washington, Joshua Frazier, Levin, Susie and Rosie Jones, W. H. Minner, Joseph and Emma Morris, M. J. Winters, F. Pryor, Annie Greenleaf, Samuel and Lizzie Morrison, Daniel Dorsey, C. T. and Josie Carroll, Hettie A. Henry, George and Pauline Stephenson, Charley, Fanney, Susie and Julia Diggs, Esau and Sheppie Cox, George, Edward and Mary Dexter, W. H. and L. Robison, Ellen and Charles Titus. Mary Williams, Rachel Woodyard, Dud and Liddie Marshall, Emma Washington, Charley

Savage, P. Allen, W. H. Jones, Arena Hill, Emma Stevenson, Annie Patterson, T. J. and Mary McDowell, Millie Brown, M. E. Burrells, William Lucas, Hettie Hardy, Florence Brown, Elizabeth Richter, Mary Price, Amelia Peters, Martha Diggs.

Josephine and Nettie Richards paid seventy-five cents each.

The following paid fifty cents each: Thomas Chambers, Phœbe Delaney, Lizzie and Rachel Dorsey, Laura Diggs, J. S. and Mary Jackson, Olie Lucas, Samuel and Sallie Taylor, Hamilton Jackson, Ruthie Webster, Clara Koger, Dicie Hariston, Fredonia Jones, Ben and Violet Burk, Mamie Miner, C. Clenney, C. S. Lucas, Jennie Dorsey, Charles Hill, Blanch McPherson, Clarence Brown, Mary Slifer, Sy and Felie Bell, Mamie Richtor, Julia Ridgley, Thomas and Kate Fields, Mary Groos.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Lizzie Chambers, Bertie Chambers, Sandy Jones, Mazie Diggs, Frank and L. A. Lawson, Eliza Henry, Mrs. Shields, Sarah Manny, Susan Lewis, Viola Caliman, John Price. Total, $85.50.

SOUTH SIDE A. M. E. CHURCH—A. E. WALDON, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Nellie Randalls, Emma Dickson, Annie Clark, William Randall, George Goodman, Minerva Waters, Margaret Farors, Catherine West.

The following paid fifty cents: Louisa Sheperton, Evaline Waters, Relda Harris, Flora Farors, Jennie Garrett, Mamie West, Matilda Henderson. Total, $11.50.

NEW BRIGHTON—R. BROWN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Anna Leland, Charlotte Bruien, Emily Johnson, Rachel Williams, Elizabeth Dawson, Julia Webster, Amelia Jackson, Anthony Logan, Anna R. Webb, Katie Flenoy, John Bruien, Eliza Cross, Edward Williams, Amy Wilson, Mary Sims, James Bruien, Harrison Daneson, Anna Bruien, James Webster, Elizabeth Webster, Georgie Webb, Maggie Washington, James Cross, Vina Sewart. Paid seventy-five cents: Laura Leland.

The folowing persons paid fifty cents each: M. E. Bean, Maria Matthews, Charles Rose, Ida Rose, Mary E. Brown, Eva Porter.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Henry Johnson, William Horter, Lucy A. Brown, Maud Costley, Lewis Costley.

The following paid ten cents each: Blanche Webster, May Webb, Kittie Brown, I. S. Banks. Halwood Logan paid two cents. Total, $29.42.

WEST BRIDGEWATER CIRCUIT—A. M. E. CHURCH—G. W. WEBSTER, PASTOR.

WEST BRIDGEWATER—The following persons paid one dollar each: A. W. Tanner, Lewis Ash, David Simpson, Sidney Freeman, Clara Ash, Lucy Tanner, Ruth Webster, Hariet Butler, Elizabeth Simpson, Ruth Patterson, Mrs. W. E. Hayes, Jessie Chin, Hariet Carter.

The following paid fifty cents each: Bertha Overby, Minnie Tanner' Jane Carter, E. J. Anhorn, Katie Ford, Marie Ash, Rachel Cole, Marsella Butler, W. E. Hayes, Agnes Evans, Charles Robison, W. N. Butler, T. A. Webster, Carrie Johnson. Nancy Evans paid seventy-five cents.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Clara Ford, Josephine Foley, William Johnson, Sarah Winfield. Cora J. Logan, twenty cents; Master Frank Evans, ten cents; Katie Harris, two dollars; M. J. Webster, thirty-five cents. Total, $24.40.

SEWICKLEY—The following persons paid one dollar each: Alice Steenburger, Lucy Harris, Layton Morris, Eliza Jones, Sadie Dungee, Elizabeth Dickerson, John Dungee, Alice Scott, Ellen Costley.

Alberta West paid fifty cents. Hannah Williams, Amy Jackson, Lulu Harris, twenty-five cents each. Lucy Thomas, fifteen cents; Cora Williams, ten cents; Hattie Lovett, ten cents. Total, $10.60. Grand total, $34.00.

OIL CITY CIRCUIT—REV. G. C. SAMPSON, PASTOR.

OIL CITY—The following persons paid one dollar each: John Murphy, John Jackson, Ruth Hopkins, Jerry Williams, Robert Mann, Charles Simons, Tempy Gray, Peter Bryant, Lydia Franklin, Maggie Enty, John Lucas, M. W. Franklin, R. H. Gray, Jesse Barrett, Lucinda Bryant, Anna Brown, Ellen Green, Levi Newsom, Jennie Jackson, J. E. Lucas, Maggie Lucas, C. H. Orbison, Emma Hill, Noble Johnson, S. T. Lucas, Mollie Lucas, Lizzie Bosset, W. H. Henson, Carrie Peterson.

The following paid seventy-five cents each: Richard Hopkins, Louisa Williams, Susie Jenkins.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Isaac Newton, Mary Enty, Maggie Hughs, Wesley Paul, Thomas Johnson, Devo Basset, Hannah Brice, Andrew Bolden, Clara Bolden, Bessie Lucas, Sister Jenkins, Charles Jackson, R. Belle Jackson, R. M. Greene. Total $38.00.

TITUSVILLE, PA.—The following persons paid one dollar each: Anna E. Jackson, Margretta Brown, George White, Anna White, George Humphrey, Catherine Heckter, Emma-

line Hawkins, Jane Neal, Henry Gaton, Frank Rakes, James Rollins, William Heckter, Francis Johnson, John Kenny, Henry Robertson, Mahala A. Sampson, Martha D. Sampson.

The following persons paid fifty cents: Annie D. Sampson, Mary Hensley, Elias Degraw, William Mack, Anna L. Neal, William S. Neal, Mariah Riley, Jennie Rollins, Laura Rollins, Hattie Fields, Lyda J. Robinson, Sarah E. Samuels, Levi Samuels, John Neal, Anna A. Riley. Total, $24.50. Grand total for Circuit, $62.50.

MEADVILLE, PA.—J. W. JEFFRIES, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Frank Henry, Charles Allen, Matilda Green, Jennie Houston, George Norris, Eliza Henderson, Hettie Pratt, Ellen Chinn, Samuel Miller, H. N. Glaspy; Mrs. Rachel Jones, seventy five cents.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Jane Sharp, John Gordon, Carrie Williams, Willis Sharp, Annie Clark, Elizabeth Pennmen, Samuel Green, Lydia Gordon, Elizabeth Jeffries, Virginia Jeffries, Jane Hill, Annie Glaspy, Kate Scott, Bertha Pratt, Julia Gardener, Maggie Anderson, Rachel Scott, Annie Gardener, Jennie Butler.

The following persons have paid twenty five cents: Florence Scott, W. J. Scott. Total, $20.25.

ERIE, PA.—S. P. WEST, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar: Mrs. Emma Franklin, Mrs. W. H. Vandusen, Mrs. Mary Chavous, Mrs. Ida Lawson, Mrs. Eliza Vosburg, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mr. Earnest Powers, Mr. Charles Franklin, Mr. C. A. Winfield, Miss Maud Lawson, Miss Carrie Williams.

Mrs. Dora West paid seventy cents. Mr. Daniel Enns, Mrs. Sophia Aviller, Mrs. Ella Blackburn, each paid fifty cents. Mrs. Nellie Harden paid twenty five cents.

BRADFORD CIRCUIT, PA.—B. MORGAN, PASTOR.

BRADFORD—The following persons paid one dollar each: Sisters, A. H. Smith, O. J. Taylor, Sarah Rulie, Catherine B. Draper, Della Thompson, Carrie Thornell, Francis Tucker; W. D. Lucas, George Brown, Albert Anty, David Thornell, Leonard B. Thompson.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Elizabeth Blackwell, Matilda Brown, Hattie Anty, Bell Ames, Floie Douglas, Clara Harris, Fannie Collins.

The following persons paid twenty five cents: Agnes Curtis, Beulah L. Draper, Mildred Smith, Mojeska Anty, Nettie Foster.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Mingo Marshall, Susie Marshall, Lawrence Rogers, Sarah Wright.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: London Willis, Ella Willis, Alice Virginia, Matilda Man. The following persons paid twenty five cents: Victoria Stanley, John Robinson, Eva Wright; Daisy Man paid ten cents.

FRANKLIN MISSION—C. H. BROWN, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Mr. and Mrs. Seth Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Simeon Lawson, Nannie Stevens, H. B. Dickson, Julia A. Broxton, Eliza Burke, Laura Broxton, Priscilla Henderson, Maggie R. Carter, Eva N. Carter, Douglass Fields.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Alfred Simms, Henrietta Simms, Jennie Allen, Rosan Carter, Mariam Miller, Albert Lawson, Bettie Hunter, Clarrissia A. Carter, Rev. and Mrs. James Lawson.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Frank Nesbit, Emma Rebecca Jackson, Mary Fields, Pearl Fields, Mary J. Harding, George Harding, Mamie Broxton and Plummer Henderson. Total, $22.00.

ELIZABETH CIRCUIT—B. WHEELER, PASTOR.

EAST ELIZABETH.—The following persons have paid one dollar each: Jane Martin, Maggie Norris, Parthenia Haddox, George M'Farland, D. B. Scott, A. J. Batch, Amanda Holmes, James Batch, Sr., Isaphine Holmes, T. J. Davison, Hester Harris, Alfred Scott, Mary Redmond, Anna Pangburn, Sr., Elizabeth Wheeler. Hannah Davison paid seventy five cents.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Luke Davison, Emma Davison, William Johnson, Mary E. Johnson, James Pangburn, Washington Simmons, Armada Jones, Mary Jones, Harriet Sanders, Annie M. Wheeler, Samuel Pangburn, Nancy Pangburn, Sarah Fletcher, Emma Smith.

The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Francis Pangburn, Katy Holmes, Elijah Pangburn, Rebecca Pangburn, Dorcas Pangburn, Sadie Pangburn, Harrison Berry, Annie M'Farland.

The following persons paid ten cents each: Tommy Davison, Ruth Davison. Paid twenty cents each: Hannah Davison, James Batch, Minnie Batch, Elizabeth Scott.

WEST ELIZABETH.—The following persons paid one dollar each: Lafayette Randolph, Charles Armstrong, Malissa Armstrong, Joseph Randolph. Sarah Jones paid seventy five cents.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Mary Brown, Luella Scott, Hattie Randolph, Effie Randolph, James Anderson, Alvira Anderson.

The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Westley Stratton, John Lee, Lafayette Randolph. Patsy Randolph.

A. M. E. CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE, PA.—REV. J. M. MORRIS, PASTOR.

The following paid one dollar each: Mrs. M. E. Flood, Mary Bolden, Rebecca Morris, Rosie Tucker, Amelia Nixson, B. A. R. Tilghman, Benjamin Simpson, C. O. Johns, Elizabeth Alexander, Sarah Thompson, William Florence, Sr., Mary E. Black, Charley Wheeler.

The following paid fifty cents each: Eliza Banks, Margaret Young, Louisa Mossett, John Barnes, Julia Johns, Martha J. Johns, Daniel Johns, Bell Alexander, William Johns, William Murn, Hester Gorelen, Cary Wheeler.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Caroline Bolden, Elizabeth Simpson, Luvinia Cane, Mary Turner, Lizzie Hamilton, Annie Mossett, Georgie Mossett, Bessie Morris. Total, $21.

ST. PAUL'S A. M. E. CHURCH, UNIONTOWN, PA., REV. C. WRIGHT, PASTOR.

The following persons have paid one dollar each: Eli M. Curry, Mary Bettens, Mahulda Oaks, Eliza Mosley, Mary A. Curry, Albert Henry, Bell Blue, Alexander Belt, Mary K. Catline, C. A. Jenkins, Emma Henderson, Josephine Butler, Mary Brady, Josephine Fortune, Dora Miner, Emma Catline, George Warfield, Lula Coston, Ellen Jenkins, John Epps, Lydia Johnson, Clara Jackson, Sarah Wright.

Minerva Jenkins paid seventy-five cents.

The following paid fifty cents each: Mary Moxley, Ellis Robinson, Ida Douglass, Newton Skinner, Elizabeth Truley, Hattie Johns, Eli Truly, Elizabeth Ditchen, Elizabeth Blue, Francis Disc, E. J. Scott, H. H. Scott, Rebecca Bagly, Mary Carter, Eliza West, Jennie Whiteley, Georgiana Smothers, Lucinda Pearry, George Ditcher, Lucy Webster, Hattie Brown, Abegail Paterson, Henry Bolden.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Margaret Burges, Hattie Johnson, P. C. Baxter, Emma Bolden, Ida Carter, M. V. Baxter. Total, 36.25.

WEST NEWTON CIRCUIT—R. M. HENDERSON, PASTOR.

WEST NEWTON—The following persons paid fifty cents each: Pennie Grifen, R. H. Logan, Winn Ball, Elizabeth Green.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Rebecca Minnie, E. A. Bowman.

McKeesport.—The following persons paid one dollar each: C. Deikett, Clara Durrey, Emma F. Mackrell, A. Golden.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each. Sarah McClure, Mary West, Annie Marchell.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Mr. and Mrs. Christon. Total, $8.25.

ORANGEVILLE MISSION—J. W. SAUNDERS, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each:Peter Saunders, Steler Saunders, Jerry Carter,

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Annie Carter and Sarah Saunders. Tota , $4.00.

CHARLEROI MISSION.

The following named persons paid one dollar each: Rosa Strothers, Spotswood Strothers, John Richardson, Louisa Hughes, Francis Richardson, Henry Smith, Mary Smith, James Hood, Ellen Strothers. Lock Hughes paid fifty cents.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Frank Smith, Josie Smith.

DUQUESNE CIRCUIT—M. S. JONES, PASTOR.

Thomas Weaver paid one dollar.

M. Holmes and Patterson Carson paid fifty cents each.

Lizzie Lindsey and T. S. Taullor paid twenty-five cents each. Total, $2.50.

MONONGAHELA, PA.—W. H. PALMER, M. D., PASTOR,

The following paid one dollar each: Rev. W. G. Ralph, John Lewis, Mrs. Rachael Kemper, James Jones, William Jones, Frsderick Randolph, Ida Hartley, William Sanders.

The following paid fifty cents: Mrs. Clara West, Clara Jones, Anna Jones, G. W. Cloughton, Nettie Lewis, Matilda Wright, James Alexander, John Turner, Charles Crable, Moses Jones, Elizabeth Doughty, Mary Jones.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Miss Mable Kemper, Myrtle Kemper, Ltta Lewis, Nettie Lewis.

The following paid ten cents each: Jennie Hartly, Ferman West, Vade Carter, Elizabeth Hughes, Johanna Griffith. Total, $15.50.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

WHEELING, W. VA.—REV. P. A. SCOTT, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Lizzie Jackson, Huston Davis, Lucinda Bradford, Martha Winters, Oscar Winters, Jennie Davis, Mamie Thompson, D. B. Buckner, Cornelia D. Scott, Clara M. Scott, Annie Whiting.

The following paid fifty cents each: Lucinda Thompson, Lucy West, Martha Williams, Julia Johnson, Martha Lewis, Nora Dimuel, Hannah Cellars, Elfreda Hilmes. Total, $15.00.

WASHINGTON, PA.—R. H. MORRIS, PASTOR.

The following named persons paid one dollar each: Alfred Crockett, Jr., Samuel Shorters, Jonathan Davis, George W. Durham, Minnie Jones, Berdie Johnson, George Bruce, Timothy Champman, Anna Banks, Martha Williamson, Carrie Miller, C. H. Patterson, Mary E. Thomas, Nancy Patterson, Amanda Anderson, Ruth Redmon, Alfred Crockett, Sr., Rachael Skinner, Ella Nelson, Charles Hall, Caroline Berry, Emma Kelly, Jeanetta Saunders, Julia Caldwell, Julia Patterson, Blanche Thomas, Hannah Bolden, Lewis G. Mosbay, Isaac Asbury, S. G. Walters, Thomas Banks, Della Stamps, Louvenia Beasley, Sarah Peck, B. J. M. Brown, James Hayden, Wilzena Thomas, Caroline Johnson, Louella Cordeck, Braxton Barber, M. B. Willis, Frank Cole, Ella Brown, Jane Chapman, Ella Brooks, William Jackson, Henrietta Hall, Samuel Brooks and Abraham Berry.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Ellen Jackson, Maggie Williams, Lydia Cox, Maggie Chapman, A. G. Skinner, Daniel Johnson, Margaret Workman, Anna Workman, Mary Baker, Mrs. Nellie Thomas, Elmira Chapman, Jane Hilton, Anna Greenley, Mattie Walters, Margaret A. Morris, Cora Henderson, Robert Johnson, Nora Lee, Mary F. Crockett, Edward Price, Sarah Durham, Clara Berry, Chancey Viney, Blanche Cox, Libbie Skinner, Amelia Skinner and Lydia Walters.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Bell Skinner, Narsis Asbury, Robert Patterson, Martha Patterson, Mary Mull, Anna Mull, Maggie Corbin, Lizzie Corbin and Sarah Curry.

Samuel Butler paid thirty-five cents. Total, $65.10.

CANNONSBURG STATION—REV. G. SKINNER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Eliza J. Burgess, Mariah Lotterberry, Abram Lotterberry, S. A. Warefield, Annie Bush, Sarah Cordeck, Cris Davis, Louisa Davis, Alf Bush, Eliza Wheeler, William Thomas, David Clark,

George Sluby, Charles A. Hill, Kate C. Hill, Joseph Norman, Alice Norman, Charles Jackson, Lath Robinson, John E. Harper, Fred Bartlet, Bell Henderson, George Sotterbery, Liza Henderson, John Webster, Carrie Bell, Elen Robinson, Hannah Brown, Adam Bell, John Lotterbery, Mansfield Brown, Fannie Adams, Lew Bartlet, Jennie Sluby, Annie Caden, Francis Davis, Charles Mathews, Mary Mathews, C. M. Brown, Ruth Brown, S. W. Alberts, Jr.

The following paid fifty cents each: Jane Hill, Lou Catlin, S. W. Alberts, Sr., Maggie Thomas, Ida Bush, John Cane, John Burgess, Thomas Wheelers, Warner Washington, Rebecca Sherer, Hattie Brown, Lizzie Rice, Margaret Sluby paid fifty-five cents; Alice Burgess, Mary Scott, Liza Washington, Annie B. Thompson, Martha Asbury, Sarah Morgan, Jennie Wales, Jennie Burgess, Jane Bell, Kate Williams, Alfred Brown, Mathew Brown, Sarah Robinson, Catharine Albert, Peter Wheeler, Sarah Brown, Sarah Wheeler, Jessie Harper, James Burgess, Alice Robinson, Lidia Henderson, Lizia Butler, Sophia Harper, Mary Butler.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: Allie Burgess, William Robinson, Mary Butcher, William Robinson, Sarah Wheeler, Martha Brown. Margaret Butcher paid seventy-five cents.

The following paid ten cents: Samuel Scott, Eva Scott, Edgar Burgess, Oliver Brown, Lottie Albert, Rachael Albert. Grace Ford, Lida Harper paid five cents each. Total, $60.

WAYNESBURG, PA.—REV. ELI M'KNIGHT, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Amanda Bruce, Lewis Brown, Bud Coston. By collection, Fannie Cyrus.

The following paid fifty cents each: Alice Diggs, Mattie Lacy, Catherine Workman, Annie Bruce, Jennie Suttles, Lida Suttles.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: William Lacy, Harry Lacy, Jennie McDonal, Mary Hicky, Mary Robison, Lewis Workman, T. M. McMinn, Charles Robison, Lewis Workman, C. S. Hickey, Henry Cooper, Kate Fular, Wilt Manily, Mike Sampson, George Wallace, Henry Johnson, Mary Coston, Elzrene Ponscie, Thomas Willie.

The following paid ten cents each: Earl McKnight, Ada McKnight, Eslerfor Diggs, Sarah Ponscie, John Billbe, George Megruda, Henry Megruda, Mary Back, George Woods, John Turner. Total, $14.00.

CLARKSBURG W. VA., A. M. E. CHURCH—W. H. PRIDE, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Floride Giles, E. J. Pride, Minerva Ashby, Julia Ross, James Fulkes, Sophie

Lee, Agnes Ogden, Eliza Frazier, L. J. Robinson, Margaret Miller, Lousia James, Mary Grayson, Vionia Robinson, Julia Beckworth, Malinda Strouther, Elizabeth Johnson, M. C. Harris, James Robinson, Willa Lee, Jessie Miller.

The following paid fifty cents each: Mattie C. Jones, Louisa Powell, Allen Lee.

Maria Littleton and James Littleton paid twenty-five cents each. Total, $22.50.

WEST MIDDLETOWN CIRCUIT—A. SMOTHERS, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Lizzie Patterson, Mamie Smothers, E. M'Umphry, Mary Dunlap, John Payne, Eva Bosier, Annie Dunlap, Lena Asbury, Mattie Patterson, Martha Harris, Laura Patterson, Ceatta Bosier, Tommy Bozier, Wiliam Dunlap. Mary Payne paid sixty-five cents.

The following paid fifty cents: M. P. Watson, Jane Kelley, Carrie Bozier, Carrie Asbury, Lina Patterson, C. Green, L. Jones, M. P. Patterson.

The following paid twenty five cents: Etta Grooms, Allie Grooms, Charles B. Patterson. D. Carter, thirty-three cents; Mary France, eighteen cents: Eva Kelley, fifteen cents; C. Dorsey, ten cents. Total, $20.25.

PARKERSBURGH—R. H. BUMMERY, PASTOR.

The following persons paid one dollar each: Malisia Latterbery, R. Latterbery, Ellen Jones, O. W. Grant, Minnie Grant. Paid fifty cents: Jane Carter, Madison Washington, Mary Latterbery, L. Watson, William Smith, Delia Brown. Paid twenty five cents: Peter Brock, Peter Toliver, Eliza Mellentree, Jane Thompson.

PHILLIPS MISSION—L. A. BARBER, PASTOR.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Cora Barber, Joseph Barber, Susan Brown, Frank Twilley, Harry Twilley. Total, $1.25.

(NOTE:) From Boone, Charleston, Blackersville, Beverly, Weston, W. Va.; and Burgettstown, Pa., there were no reports on dollar money turned in.

Report of Book Steward.

Number of minutes printed (short) 1,000.

DISBURSED.

Bishops and General Officers of the A. M. E. Church	30
J. W. Riley, P. E., Wheeling W. Va. Disfrict	25
Pastors	53
Total free disbursement	108

	No. Sent.	Am't Paid.
To Rev. I. N. Ross	59	$8 85
" W. S. Lowry	30	4 50
" J. J. Norris	18	2 20
" Richard Tanner	30	4 20
" C. A. McGee	18	2 20
" I. B. Till	22	2 80
" C. N. Woodson	14	1 70
" S. C. Honesty	17	2 05
" H. G. Thomas	21	2 50
" D. J. Johnson	17	2 30
" H. A. Grant	14	1 55
" Sam. Christian	11	1 20
" O. T. Davis	9	90
" W. N. Young	16	2 00
" Charles Garner (Not Received)	13	
" T. B. Bynum	11	1 40
" Israel Holmes (Not Received)	6	
" Hutchison Johnson (Express 25 cts.)	9	1 10
" D. S. Bentley	35	5 25
" D. F. Caliman	24	3 60
" Charles Brown	6	65
" A. E. Waldon	9	1 35
" W. H. Palmer	22	3 05
" J. M. Morris	23	3 20
" Carl Wright	26	3 65
" Richard Brown	19	2 55
" J. W. Jeffries	22	3 05
" S. P. West	9	1 10
" Benjamin Wheeler	18	2 10
" G. C. Sampson	27	3 65
" G. W. Webster	23	3 05
" Benjamin Morgan	15	2 00
" R. M. Henderson	19	2 55
" M. S. Jones	19	2 60
" J. W. Sanders	9	1 05
" Julius Page	5	75
" Price A. Scott	18	2 35
" R. H. Morris	28	3 80
" G. G. Skinner	26	3 55
" Eli McNight	13	
" R. H. Bummery	15	2 00
" S. B. Craven (Not Paid)	5	
" W. H. Pride	16	2 00
" H. J. Williams (Not Paid)	5	
" L. A. Barber	5	75
" G. W. Hamilton (Not Paid)	5	
" Alex Smothers	16	2 05

	No. Sent.	Am't Paid.
To Rev. Thomas A. West.....(Not Paid)	5	
" Charles H. Arnold.....	5	50
" Price Moore..... (Not Paid)	9	
" J. W. Brown.....		80

Received from Ex-Book Steward, Rev. I. N. Ross, November 28, 1893..... $76 00
Due from Ex-Book Steward..... .95
Paid for Publishing Minutes, December 2, 1893.....$75 00
Paid Secretary for Traveling Expenses, December 2, 1893 1 00

Total.....$76 00
Cash Received from Sale of Minutes..... $98 60
Balance Due on Minutes, 1894..... $9 25

D. S. BENTLEY,
Conference Book Stewart,
No. 109 James Street, Allegheny City, Pa.

Address by Mayor Caldwell.

Worthy Bishop, and Members of the Conference:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—When I look over this audience and contrast the present with a time within my memory, I can not but rejoice that I have lived to see this day in our country's history, when all men, no matter what nationality, color or previous condition, can worship as suits his belief, whether he be Chistian, Mohamedan or Jew; all are entitled to and receive the same protection under our starry banner, and all are invited to come and join with us in making this one of the greatest countries under the shining sun for religious liberty.

You gentlemen are here in the interest of humanity, in the interest of your church, and my church, for it was in the old Fourth Street that I received the first lessons in the faith you represent here to-night, and which if followed can but make us better men and women and better citizens. I have been taught that a good man will never be forsaken by his God and that even his children will reap the advantages of his conduct. Then how careful we should be to do right. David said: he had been young but now he was old, yet he had never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread. How we should impress this great truth upon our minds and try to impress it upon others.

This is a happy meeting, made doubly so because it has for its object the advancement of the Christian faith, a faith that is suited to all nationalities and conditions of the human race, and our country now being the most liberal in the world, in respect to human rights and religion, has thrown

open her doors to all mankind to come and enjoy liberty not only in religion, but in all pursuits that will bring happiness, and no one dare to make them afraid. Then why should not our city open wide her gates this night to an organization that has good for its purpose. I wish the opportunity to do so came oftener than it does, for the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

Contrasting the present with the past, I can well remember the time when throughout the great state of Virginia there was not a colored child that ever got to see inside of a school-house. To-day, within a stones-throw of this building, stands as fine a school-building as can be found in the state, for public school purposes, and it is occupied wholly by colored children; and the school is presided over by teachers second to none. For these great benefits we are indebted to the liberal sentiments that have ever characterized the people of Wheeling.

I will not detain you longer, for I know that you have other persons here who are better prepared to address you than I. I will only say that to me your duties are plain:—

To the work: To the work: We are servants of God,
Let us follow the path that our Master has trod:
With the balm of his council our strength to renew,
Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

To the work: To the work: Let the hungry be fed:
To the fountain of life let the weary be led:
In the cross and its banner our glory shall be,
While we herald the tidings: Salvation is free.

Salvation, oh Salvation,
The joyful sound proclaim,
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learned Messiah's name.

And now to you the Bishop and Ministers connected with your Conference, and to the stranger within our gates, on behalf of the City of Wheeling, I extend to you each and every one a cordial greeting; and welcome you to our city and to the hospitality of our people. Virginians, you know, have always been noted for the kind treatment to the stranger within their gates. May your stay here be pleasant, and your work result in doing great good, and when you have returned to your homes, we trust you will remember, with pleasure, your visit to our city.

Welcome Address of Rev. P. A. Scott, Pastor.

Rev. Father in Christ, General Officers and Members of the Conference, Greeting:

In attempting to perform the pleasant duty of welcoming you in our city and church, a long felt anxiety is appeased. I can find no language that more clearly expresses my feelings than that used by a fascinating lady whom I occasioned to know, who had reached the tender age of sixty-one years without finding a long-sought companion, but whom at last she captured. And when the eventful ceremony of her hymenial aspirations had reached the climax, and her heart had donned an ecstatic palpitation, she exclaimed in half excited tones, "Sing something. I don't care in what air, but please use these words:

> 'This is the way I long have sought
> And mourned because I found it not.'"

Ever since the rise of the last Annual Conference, which met in Uniontown one year ago, we have yearned with longing eyes and anxious hearts for your arrival in our city; and an address like this is but a vague expression of the delight and cordiality with which we greet you. During the last year we have not, at all times, stood beneath a meridian sun. Her rays have been refracted by clouds of financial scarcity and industrial stagnation. The unpleasant and discordant exclamations of grim-visaged strikers have broken the monotony of quiet and gentle thrift, and the quick and rattling reports of the militia's gatling guns have mounted our gentle breezes and been wafted across hill and vale, reminding us that in these latter days there shall be wars and rumors of wars. Our mills and factories, for which our city is noted, have been hushed and silent. Thousands of the laboring class have had to join the ranks of the "Do Nothings," and move at an unwilling but irresistable speed toward the unwholesome domain of destitution and despair, and by these embarrassing circumstances the progress of the church has been lamentably retarded. But amid all this we have felt the omnipotent hand of God gently but resistlessly leading us, until now we begin to open our eyes upon the welcome rays of approaching prosperity.

The sound of the gatling gun is no longer heard. The threatening murmur of the striker is hushed. The smoke of once inactive mills and furnaces is seen rising toward the skies in spiral sublimity. The conventions of idlers have adjourned and entered the most active affairs of life; and the

destitute and despaired have donned expressions that characterize industry and thrift. And by this appearance of better times the church is imbued with new life and vigor.

Within the last few weeks we have made some much-needed improvements on the inside of our church at a moderate expense and have, to the best of our ability, prepared for the reception of the greatest negro organization in this coutry, the famous Pittsburg Conference!

We are truly glad that you are here. We welcome you to our city, noted for its business enterprise; its capacious and artistic churches; its massive and thoroughly equipped schools and its almost unique system of electric street railway. We welcome you to our homes, our hearts, our tables and trust that you may prove by your appetites that you deserve the good things prepared for you. We welcome you to our little church and pray that God may sanctify the purpose for which we have met to His name's honor and glory.

With reverence we greet thee, our venerable Chieftain. With adoration and gratitude we greet ye General Officers. With pride we greet ye faithful veterans, and with hopefulness and delight we greet ye happy comrades. In the name of God, the church and people we welcome ye noble Pittsburg Conference.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Rev. H. A. Grant submitted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., has presided over the sessions of the Twenty Seventh Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church with dignity, precision and impartiality to all.

Resolved, That we regard W. B. Derrick, D. D., as one of the most strong, truthful and successful defenders of the Negro race, whose wonderful speeches and eloquence we have enjoyed at this Conference.

Resolved, That the visit of Prof. B. W. Arnett, Jr., the son of our Bishop, and a graduate of Wilberforce University, has been a great treat to the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That we return a vote of thanks to the good people of Wheeling, for having so royally entertained us at their homes during our stay among them; also to Rev. P. A. Scott, for having perfected arrangements for our comfort.

Resolved, That P. A. Scott and Mr. H. J. Williams shall be held in high esteem by us for having managed, published and edited the *Conference Reporter* in the interest of the Conference.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the visit of Rev. R. C. Ransom, B. D., of Cleveland, O., one of the ablest young men of our connection.

Resolved, That we thank the members of Wayman Chapel A. M. E. choir, Rev. C. P. Herrington and all who assisted the choir, for their excellent singing.

Resolved, That we are pleased to have been made acquainted with Rev. A. B. Riker, D. D., of the M. E. Church, whose eloquent address we listened to this afternoon.

Resolved, That we shall highly cherish the acquaintance of Rev. T. G. Walker of the colored M. E. church; and members as well as all the preachers and friends of the different denominations who have demonstrated to us their co-operation.

Resolved, That the daily journals of Wheeling, W. Va., have our thanks for their accurate and fair accounts of the proceedings of our Conference.

The above was unanimously adopted.

Financial and Statistical Table of Pittsburg Conference, A. M. E. Church.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elders.	Contingent.	Bible Cause.	Missionary Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.	Education Purposes.	Church Extension.	Mite Missionary.	Building and Repair.	Total for all Purposes.	How long on Present Appoint.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	I. N. Ross	$145 00	$1200 00	$16 00	$5 00	$2 00	$96 00	$477 75	$68 00	$14 00	$89 00	$815 00	$3171 75	1 yr
East End, Pittsburg	W. S. Lowry	53 00	950 00	80 00	1 28	50	10 00	23 00	.....	1 50	23 31	700 00	1843 89	1
Altoona Station	Joshua J. Norris	11 75	450 00	32 00	75	50	10 00	10 86	10 37	1 00	.....	162 00	689 17	4
Scranton Station	Charles A. McGee	40 75	514 33	55 00	1 20	1 50	8 00	17 28	.....	.....	6 50	262 50	1392 03	1
Wilkesbarre Station	I. B. Till	24 00	550 00	84 00	.....	5 00	6 50	2 60	5 00	3 43	10 00	217 97	908 50	4
New Haven Station	Cyrus N. Woodson	31 75	538 38	53 06	1 50	2 00	6 62	5 80	9 00	2 70	.....	179 00	270 58	1
Bellefonte Station	S. C. Honesty	31 00	400 65	34 00	50	1 00	6 16	5 00	11 00	.....	.....	102 50	663 31	4
Braddock Circuit	H. G. Thomas	23 05	402 50	50 00	30	25	2 40	10 00	4 00	1 83	.....	1246 32	1286 14	2
Lewistown "	T. J. Simmons	10 00	60 52	23 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	670 70	751 72	5
Phillipsburg "	Henry A. Grant	23 00	297 82	31 00	50	60	6 09	.....	8 30	4 25	3 70	37 00	412 26	2
Bedford "	Sandy Christian	5 00	174 84	54 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	488 81	968 98	1
Montrose "	O. T. Davis	22 00	347 82	31 91	50	50	1 50	5 00	3 00	1 50	1 00	28 08	628 76	2
Bloomsburg "	John W. Brown	7 00	247 72	24 00	32	25	3 00	.....	3 60	75	62	111 14	396 80	1
Greensburg Mission	William N. Young	24 00	200 00	32 00	25	50	40	10 00	3 00	3 00	40	89 25	372 55	.....
Tyrone "	Charles Garner	5 00	116 98	13 50	25	25	.....	.....	7 44	2 25	.....	3 7 02	30 82	3
Milton "	L. B. Bynum	9 00	91 17	38 80	50	.....	.....	.....	4 18	1 50	.....	229 16	375 41	1
Jersey Shore "	H. Johnson	5 75	155 63	11 00	25	6	36	.....	1 36	1 00	.....	75 00	229 91	1
Pittston "	Israel Holmes	5 00	15 00	10 00	.....	1 01	.....	50 00	137 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Burgettstown "														
Brown Chapel, Allegheny	D. S. Bentley	76 00	1100 00	130 27	3 00	2 00	28 32	79 76	24 08	7 00	27 75	810 33	2674 12	1
Chartiers Station	David F. Caliman	85 50	1062 25	55 50	1 50	50	45 50	40 56	20 00	3 10	23 00	600 00	1785 47	3
South Side, Pittsburg	Anthony E. Waldon	11 50	388 20	48 00	.....	60	3 05	7 90	3 00	.....	.....	77 06	539 99	1
Monongahela Station	W. H. Palmer	15 50	265 80	35 75	1 00	50	10 75	20 80	21 50	3 75	8 20	385 05	965 41	1
Brownsville "	J. M. Morris	21 00	420 00	52 00	50	50	50	3 00	.....	2 50	5 00	300 00	815 50	1
Uniontown "	Carter Wright	36 25	446 69	41 00	2 00	1 00	30 00	9 63	7 00	3 50	6 00	226 60	886 81	4
New Brighton "	Richard Brown	29 42	538 15	49 33	1 50	1 04	7 08	2 50	8 33	1 72	15 41	116 01	859 87	1
Meadville "	J. W. Jeffries	20 25	540 00	58 10	49	50	16 62	9 12	3 43	1 81	13 76	278 58	996 87	2
Franklin "	C. H. Brown	20 00	420 00	39 30	25	25	1 62	.....	1 00	1 50	.....	103 07	587 49	1
Erie "	S. P. West	13 50	450 00	35 20	1 00	1 00	8 90	2 50	3 50	2 90	6 00	106 00	621 50	2
Elizabeth Circuit	Benjamin Wheeler	34 20	584 54	62 60	75	75	21 60	27 00	22 04	3 50	17 33	147 62	921 54	2
Oil City "	G. C. Sampson	65 50	800 00	66 50	1 50	1 50	19 27	35 00	38 12	4 34	24 85	126 25	1177 83	1
Bridgewater "	George W. Webster	34 00	337 65	58 50	50	50	12 57	4 00	7 17	.....	.....	104 90	529 79	1
Bradford "	Benjamin Morgan	20 60	357 00	23 00	50	1 50	12 19	.....	14 20	.....	.....	203 00	731 99	1
West Newton Circuit	Robert Henderson	8 25	407 28	73 23	2 00	2 50	4 08	29 00	.....	2 00	2 66	.....	500 31	10 m
Duquesne Mission	Milo S. Jones	2 75	196 00	42 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 75	312 61	3
Olean, N. Y	J. W. Saunders	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Snowden, Orangeville	J. W. Saunders	4 00	10 00	1 00	25	25	75	2 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Belleview	Julius Page	8 20	75 50	28 00	.....	.....	.....	8 40	.....	2 24	.....	373 34	496 68	2
Wheeling, W. Va	Price A. Scott	15 00	394 77	31 65	75	45	21 64	34 56	7 61	1 64	3 87	218 42	731 37	2
Washington	R. H. Morris	65 00	820 01	60 00	1 50	1 25	23 00	10 46	13 90	6 60	30 59	828 71	1952 11	2
Cannonsburg	G. G. Skinner	60 00	765 05	67 50	1 60	2 00	31 77	48 46	15 18	2 00	19 79	320 00	143 54	4
Waynesburg	Elijah McKnight	14 00	428 00	40 00	12	20	2 00	14 00	12 16	.....	.....	.....	519 26	1
Parkersburg	R. H. Bummery	9 00	91 17	38 80	50	.....	1 50	1 10	4 18	.....	.....	229 16	375 41	.....
Clarksburg	William H. Pride	22 50	226 31	33 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	4 50	.....	1 11	.....	458 96	830 69	2
Morgantown	Harvey J. Williams	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philippi	L. A. Barber	1 25	9 98	.....	.....	.....	18 75	8 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	309 08	3
Williamsport	Richard Tanner	65 00	720 00	86 85	1 49	78	4 10	16 00	10 98	2 00	.....	303 95	1303 95	3
Boone	George W. Hamilton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Middleton Circuit	Alex Smothers	29 25	200 00	28 00	25	50	3 00	11 00	5 00	2 00	1 60	90 00	361 60	2
Blackville	T. A. J. West	.....	54 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 40	1
	Total	$1372 17	$14704 42	$1759 02	$27 45	$45 85	$489 57	$15225 50	$573 01	$60 32	$494 54	$14592 83	$10752 24	

Financial and Statistical Table of Pittsburg Conference, A. M. E. Church.

Charges.	Pastors.	Number Schools.	Number Teachers.	Officers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Education Purposes.	Missionary Societies.	Collection in Schools.	Other Purposes.	Collected in S. S. for Missionary Society.	S. S. Union.	Mite Missionary	Total Collections
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	I. N. Ross	1	26	9	310	107	500	$ 68	1		$50 00	$20 00	$14 00	1	$ 90 00
East End, Pittsburg	W. S. Lowry	1	7	5	90	6	170		2	$ 50		14 00	1 50	1	55 50
Altoona	Joshua J. Norris	1	4	3	25		250	7 00	1	25 00		4 00	1 00	1	33 00
Scranton	Charles McGee	1	7	6	65	10	200		1	90 89		8 00	6 00	1	104 89
Wilkes-Barree	Ishmael B. Till	1	12	12	90	11	200		1	30 91		5 00	3 43	1	39 34
New Haven	Cyrus N. Woodson	1	5	10	75	50	35	9 00	1	35 38	51 50	2 00	2 41	1	35 38
Bellefonte	S. C. Honesty	1	10	13	50		100	8 00	1	44 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	1	72 00
Braddock	H. G. Thomas	2	6	12	75	5	125	1 31		35 28		11 82	39 82	1	42 82
Lewistown	T. J. Simmons	2	5	10	45		370			10 00			50		10 50
Philipsburg	Henry G. Grant	2	6	5	56	2	400	8 00	2	22 10		6 09	4 25	1	32 43
Bedford	Sandy Christian	2	6	5	54	12	150						81	1	10 00
Montrose	O. T. Davis	2	3	9	29	1	300			8 92	161 22	2 00	1 50	1	628 46
Bloomsburg	John W. Brown	2	8	6	35	3	648			75	1 20	75	75	1	11 00
Greensburg	W. N. Young	2	4	7	46	6	76	3 00	2	25 28		9 00	4 00	1	31 28
Tyrone	Charles Garner	1	4	8	24		174		1	28 72		2 00	2 85	1	32 97
Milton	T. B. Bynum													1	
Jersey Shore	H. Johnson	2	5	8	36	2	40	1 30	2	14 00		3 60		1	18 96
Pittston	Israel Holmes	1	3	4	14	5	9			60 60					60 60
Burgettstown															
Brown's Chapel	D. S. Bentley	1	22	7	140	35	305		1	347 36		30 25	7 00	1	384 61
Chartiers	D. F. Caliman	1	5	7	75	7	200		1	35 20	7 66	8 50	3 10	1	54 46
South Side, Pittsburg	A. E. Waldon	1	4	5	25		150	3 00	1	18 66		4 50	3 00	1	30 60
Monongahela	W. H. Palmer	1	5	4	50	10	75	4 40	2	32 00	8 90	5 00	2 00	1	50 30
Brownsville	J. M. Morris													1	
Uniontown	Carter Wright	1	6	5	70	3	246	7 00	1	30 20		12 62	7 00	1	37 26
New Brighton	Richard Brown	1	5	7	105	1	100	9 89	1	32 31			1 70	1	42 92
Meadville	J. M. Jeffries	1	7	5	56	27	300	3 43	1	55 45	6 12	1 76	1 76	1	63 33
Franklin	Charley Brown	1	3	6	35	18	100	1 00	1	26 83		1 62	1 56	1	32 83
Erie	S. P. West	1	6	5	65	26	83	3 50		38 25	68 25		2 90	1	19 80
Elizabeth	Benjamin Wheeler	2	10	12	108	1	201	16 77	1	31 45	4 96	11 20	3 50	1	51 02
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	2	11	9	126	31	513	24 00	2	40 00		18 20	5 62	1	87 82
Bridgewater	G. W. Webster	2	5	5	45	1	550	2 00	1	20 00	10 00		2 00	1	34 00
Bradford	Benjamin Morgan	2	6	5	25	10			2	12 00			3 00	1	19 70
West Newton	R. M. Henderson	2	6	10	50	2	285	1 12		78 00		4 45	2 00	1	84 45
Duquesne	Milo Jones	2	5		40	10	125					2 50		1	2 50
Olean, N. Y.	Milo S. Jones														
Orangeville	J. W. Saunders	1													
Belleview	Julius Page	1	8	6	56	27	265	3 78		54 42			2 24		60 44
Wheeling	Price Scott	1	5	4	28	3	353	3 75	1	31 21		1 64	1 64	1	
Washington	R. H. Morris	1	20	8	172	160		16 00	2	85 97		6 60		1	110 69
Cannonsburg	G. G. Skinner	1	11	7	196	105	400	15 19	1	14 63		16 32	2 00	1	170 54
Waynesburg	Elijah McKnight	1	3	3	48	3	200	12 16	1	12 16	8 00	1 50	2 05	1	24 26
Parkesburg	R. H. Bummery	1	3	3	35	2	98			12 73				1	12 73
Charleston	S. B. Carven	1													
Clarksburg	W. H. Pride	2	5	7	51	3	126	11 00		47 94		1 11		1	60 05
Morgantown	Harvey J. Williams	1	3	4	25	2									
Philippi	L. A. Barber	1		2	9		58								
Boone	G. W. Hamilton	1		2	3										
West Middletown	Alex. Smothers	2	9	9	60	10	45	2 00	1	39 00	7 00	1 00		1	412 60
	T. A. West	1	3	5	36					6 20					
								$202 76	36	$1379 39		$157 59	181 89	39	$3118 87

Charges.	Pastors.	Members.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Churches.	Value.	Indebtedness.	School Houses.	Value.	Parsonages.	Value.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	I. N. Ross	500	20	3		1	$110000	$ 95 00				
East End, Pittsburg	W. S. Lowry	150	3	1		1	250000	600 00				
Altoona	Joshua J. Norris	23				1	3400	240 00				
Scranton	Charles A. McGee	78	24	1		1	5000	250 00			1	$7000 00
Wilkesbarre	I. B. Till	85	6	3		1	2000	700 00			1	1400 00
New Haven	Cyrus N. Woodson	81	1		1	1	3000	701 25				
Bellefonte	S. C. Honesty	52	2	1		1	2000	100 00				
Braddock	H. G. Thomas	68	2	3		2	6690	2149 00				
Lewistown	T. J. Simmons	27		2		2	2700	270 00				
Philipsburg	H. A. Grant	23	1	1		2	100202	272 00				
Bedford	S. Christian	23	7	1		2	1500	228 18				
Montrose	O. J. Davis	22	5	1		2	2000	27 00				
Bloomsburg	J. W. Brown	35	5	1		2	3000					
Greensburg	W. N. Young	24	7			1	1500	20 00				
Tyrone	Charles Garner	11				1	7000	9 73			1	1000 00
Milton	T. B. Bynum	12				1	2300	87 89				
Jersey Shore	H. Johnson	27		2		1	5000					
Pittson	Israel Holmes	15	4					50 00				
Brown's Chapel	D. S. Bentley	288	45	6		1	9000					
Chartiers Station	D. F. Caliman	105	3	2	1	1	5000	2500 00			1	1500 00
South Side, Pittsburg	A. E. Waldon	35	11			1	2300	87 89				
Monongahela	W. H. Palmer	60	2	2		1	5000	3850 85				
Brownsville	J. M. Morris	110	5	1		1	3000	50 00				
Uniontown	Carter Wright	102	12	1		1	12000	5931 33			1	1000 00
New Brighton	Richard Brown	50	17	1	1	1	3000	66 85				
Meadville	J. M. Jeffries	68	3	1	1	2	3000	154 50				
Franklin	C. H. Brown	24	11	1		2	2500					
Erie	S. P. West	24	6		2	1	1500					
Elizabeth	Benjamin Wheeler	110	2	2		2	3000					
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	125	6	3		2	5000	91 00			1	1000 00
Bridgewater	G. W. Webster	32	3			2	1000	385 00				
Bradford	Benjamin Morgan	147	3	1		2	25000				1	300 00
West Newton	Robert Henderson	39	6	1	1	2	22200					1500 00
Duquesne	Milo S. Jones	60	2	1	1	2	1900	153 00				
Olean, N. Y.	J. W. Saunders							1750 00				
Snowden	J. W. Saunders											
Belleview	Julius Page	20				1	200	35 00				
Wheeling, W. Va.	Price Scott	49	3		1		2000	100 00			1	1500 00
Washington	R. H. Morris	196	3	1		1	4100	1113 54				
Cannonsburg	G. W. Skinner	196	93	1	1	1	4500	65 01			1	1500 00
Waynesburgh	E. McKnight	38	3	2		1	2500	1200 00				
Parkersburgh	R. H. Bummery	20		2		1	3500	1750 00			1	500 00
Charleston	S. B. Carven	12	3	1								
Morgantown	H. J. Williams											
Philippi	L. A. Barber	5				1	200	32 50				
Williamsport	Richard Tanner	131	5			1	15000	157 59				
Boone	G. W. Hamilton											
West Middletown	Alex Smothers	49	13		1	1	1000	112 00				
Clarksburg	W. H. Pride	40	1	1	1	1	3000	250 71				
Blackville	T. A. J. West	11	5									
	Total	3129	313	52	12	57	$593990	$10436 17			10	$12400 00

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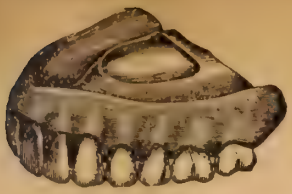

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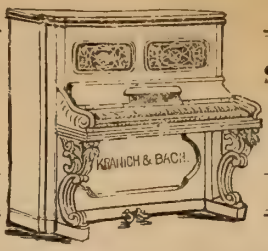

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Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D. presented Bros. G. B. Knox and Sylvester Burrell before the alter to be ordained to the order of Elder. They were reverently and impressively ordained by the Bishop, assisted by Revs. Dr. Asbury, I. B. Till, D. F. Caliman and I. N. Ross; after which the communion was administered to all the ministers present.

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Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D., L. L. D.

MINUTES.

First Day.—Morning Session.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 10, 1895.

The Twenty-eighth Session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church assembled in Bethel A. M. E. Church at 9:00 A. M., Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair as Presiding Bishop, who announced for the opening hymn, "Let Every Mortal Ear Attend," etc. After singing, Rev. Dr. Asbury, P. E., earnestly and eloquently addressed a throne of grace, thanking God for past blessings, and invoking the continuance of the same upon the Bishop and Conference.

The ritualistic services were conducted by Presiding Elder John W. Riley.

The Scripture lesson by the Bishop comprised Luke 8: 1–20. Subject, "The Sower."

The thought particularly brought out in this most practical lesson was the simplicity of the Saviour's teaching. The people being farmers, they readily comprehended the thought, "A sower went out to sow his seed." He touched their experience. There are three conditions necessary for a good crop, viz: A good sower, good seed and good ground. If you, as sowers, do your duty you will succeed; if you do not succeed you are not responsible. The field must be prepared. Cut down the trees, take out the stumps and burn the brush, prepare the ground, sow the seed and cover it, and the seed will grow. God's labratory of life belongs exclusively to himself. He holds the key. As long as you can see the seed it fails to grow. Hide the seed and God will take care of it. Philosophy can only peep in and behold the various changes of life and development, but God only controls the process.

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Sow righteousness, kindness and sociability and you will reap the same. Sow to the contrary and the reaping will be to the contrary.

Bishop Arnett expressed his satisfaction in being able to meet the brethren.

The Secretary of the last Conference was requested to call the roll of the Conference, upon which it was found that a majority of the members were present.

ORGANIZATION.

By motion it was ordered that David F. Caliman be re-elected Secretary. The motion prevailed.

By motion Price A. Scott was elected Statistical Secretary, receiving 26 votes to 18 against C. H. Brown.

For Recording Secretary, S. C. Honesty and C. H. Brown were placed in nomination. The latter was elected, receiving 24 votes against 19 for the former.

Bro. Sandy Christian and T. J. Askew were elected as Marshals.

By motion it was voted that the Bishop appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

By motion it was voted that Rev. J. W. Jeffries act as Conference Postmaster.

By motion it was ordered that Dr. Palmer be the reporter to the *Christian Recorder*, and Rev. Henry A. Grant for the city papers.

The Conference voted by motion that the bar of the same be fixed at the fourth seat from the altar.

Rev. W. C. Jones' transfer from the Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. Church to the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the same church was announced by the Bishop.

Bro. Gains was introduced to the Conference, and an expression of welcome was extended to him by the same.

REPORTS.

Reports from the churches were called for, beginning with Pittsburg District, Presiding Elder, W. H. Brown.

The reports were promptly submitted in their respective order, with the omission of Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre and Milton.

The Allegheny District, Dr. C. Asbury, Presiding Elder.

promptly reported in order, beginning at Brown's Chapel, Allegheny, Bridgewater not reporting.

Rev. P. M. Philips was introduced to the Conference.

The hour having arrived to adjourn, "Up Into Thee, Our Living Head," was sung. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

First Day.—Afternoon Session.

WILKES BARRE, Oct. 10, 1895.

Conference reconvened at 2 P. M., Bishop B. W. Arnett presiding. Opening devotional exercises, consisting of singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," etc., led by Carter Wright.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

INTRODUCTIONS.

Dr. Johnson, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, Dr. Coppin, of the *A. M. E. Review*, and Dr. Embey, manager of the Publishing Department, were respectively introduced to the Conference.

The reports of the Wheeling District were called for, and the same were promptly submitted in regular order.

Rev. Tanner submitted his report from Williamsport.

The reports were excellent, showing an increase over last year.

The Standing Committies on Reports were announced, which are to wit:

On State of Church and Country—Cornelius Asbury, J. W. Riley, Charles A. McGee.

On Sunday Schools—Richard Tanner, R. M. Henderson, C. H. Brown.

On Education—J. M. Morris, H. G. Thomas, S. C. Honesty, A. E. Walden, R. H. Morris.

On Bible Cause—I. B. Till, Alex. Smothers, J. J. Norris.

On Temperance—I. N. Ross, S. Christian, Richard Brown, C. Wright, D. F. Caliman.

On Missions—W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson, W. N. Young.

On Admission—George C. Sampson, I. B. Till, G. G. Skinner, I. N. Ross, J. W. Riley.

On First and Second Years' Studies—W. H. Palmer, B. Wheeler, W. H. Brown.

On Third and Fourth Years' Studies—C. Asbury, W. S. Lowry, R. H. Morris, D. S. Bentley, R. Tanner.

On Finance—W. H. Brown, P. A. Scott, W. S. Lowry, B. Wheeler, I. N. Ross, C. Asbury, J. M. Morris.

On Circuits and Stations—The Presiding Elders, C. Asbury, W. H. Brown, J. W. Riley. Additional—D. S. Bentley and Charles McGee.

On Memoirs—D. S. Bentley, D. F. Caliman, R. H. Morris, Alex. Smothers, S. C. Honesty.

The questions per discipline were next taken up.

13 What preachers admitted on trial? Answer—See report on admission.

14 Who remain on trial? Answer—Richard Bummery and Elisha Baizer.

15 Who are admitted or re-admitted to full connection? Answer—See Report on Second and Third Years' Studies and action of Conference.

16 Who are the deacons? Answer—See Conference roll.

17 Who have been elected and ordained deacons and elders this year? Answer—See Report on Second and Fourth Years' Studies.

By motion it was voted that Bro. Page Douse's paper recommending him to be ordained local deacon, be referred to the proper committee.

By motion it was voted that the recommendation with reference to Bro. Knox, of Wylie avenue A. M. E. Church, to be ordained local elder, be referred to the committee, and if found correct, he shall be ordained by the Bishop when convenient.

The motion called forth some discussion by Revs. C. Asbury, W. H. Brown, W. S. Lowry and D. S. Bentley. The general opinion was that there was no necessity for said ordination, but that it should be done in honor of faithful service.

Dr. Asbury submitted the following resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS, Bro. George B. Knox has been a faithful member of Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church; and

WHEREAS, The church earnestly requests that he be ordained local elder; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be ordained elder at the convenience of the Bishop.

The same was unanimously carried.

Dr. D. S. Bentley was appointed by the Bishop as chairman of the committee to examine Bro. Knox.

Bishop Arnott named October 22 as the time when Bro.

Knox shall be ordained. Place, Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

18 Who have been located this year? Answer—See Conference roll.

19 Who have been elected by the General Conference to Exercise the Episcopal Office in and to Superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church? Answer—Alexander W. Wayman, Henry M. Turner, Wesley A. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abraham Grant, Benjamin F. Lee, Moses B. Salters and James A. Handy.

20 Who are the supernumary preachers? Answer—See Conference roll.

21 Who are the superanuated preachers? Answer—W. G. Ralph.

22 Who have been expelled from the connection by the Conference? Answer—No one.

23 Who have withdrawn this year from the Conference and connection? Answer—No one.

24 Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Answer—The characters of all the preachers have been examined and found blameless.

25 What members of the Conference have died this year? Answer—See memoirs. Rev. David J. Johnson died at Williamsport, June 6, 1895, and was buried at Williamsport.

26 Where are the preachers stationed this year? Answer—See appointments.

27 Where shall our next Conference be held? Answer—Washington, Pa.

28 When shall the next Conference be held? Answer—At the time appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

Rev. D. S. Bentley made a statement with reference to the Conference minutes. On motion by Dr. Bentley it was voted that there be 1,300 minutes printed. The motion prevailed. D. S. Bentley was made Conference Book Steward. The secretaries were appointed as the publishing committee for minutes.

INTRODUCTIONS.

Rev. Carter, of the Zion A. M. E. Church, and Rev. Burton, of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Coppin collected subscriptions on *Review* and sold quite a number of copies of "The Key to Scriptural Interpretation."

Dr. Johnson introduced pictures of the Hon. Frederick Douglass and sold quite a number of the same.

Dr. Embey called the attention of the brethren to his book entitled, "The Color of Solomon. What?"

By motion it was voted that the time for election of delegates to General Conferenee be set for 10:00 A. M., Friday.

By order of Conference Revs. Sampson, Bentley and Asbury were appointed as additional speakers for the evening.

Dr. Asbury presented a request that Rev. James Lawson, of Franklin, a local preacher who had been examined by a committee at a previous session of the Conference, be ordained in the church at Franklin during the year. The request was not granted by the Bishop, owing to former circumstances.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, "O, for a Heart to Praise My God" was sung. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

First Day Evening Session.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 10, 1895.

Conference re-convened at 8 P. M. Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair. Opening devotional exercises, consisting of singing by the choir and prayer by Dr H. L. Johnson, of Philadelphia, followed by music by the choir.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Bishop Arnett said: We have met in this historic valley, in this historic city, to hear words of welcome. He then introduced the Mayor, Hon. F. M. Nichols, to the Conference and large audience.

Mayor Nichols said among other things that this was the first time he ever attempted to address a religious conference, and experienced some embarrassment, because, perhaps, that he has been connected with the workers of iniquity. He delivered a very cordial and lengthy welcome address to the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church. At the conclusion of which Rev. J. W. Jeffries, of Wilkes-Barre, delivered a very cordial and fervent welcome address. The same was heartily received. (See addresses). The choir sung most beautifully "I Will Praise Him." Bishop Arnett then introduced Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E. of the Pittsburg district.

Rev. Brown expressed himself as most happy by having this opportunity to extend words of welcome to the members of the Conference. The same was eloquently and forcibly delivered.

Bishop Arnett said we would have to change scripturalology and say, "William was in the spirit on the Lord's day."

Bishop Arnett then introduced Prof. J. M. Conklin, Superintendent Public Schools.

Prof. Conklin extended to the Conference a very pleasing address, in which he gave the members of the Conference a cordial welcome to the institutions of learning. He stated that the institutions of the Republic are to be maintained by that kind of education which pertains to the heart. The teachers of schools and the preachers of the gospel must combine to teach this nation that we have a higher God than dollars and cents. The head and the heart must go together. "High and exalted Christian character" should be the aim of all classes of men. This most instructive and cordial address was heartily received.

D. S. Bentley, D. D., was introduced as the first speaker for the response. He most especially emphasized that part of Prof. Conklin's speech which referred to the cultivation of head and heart with reference to culture. Dr. Bentley's speech was logical, forcible and appreciative.

The choir then sang a very choice selection.

Bishop Arnett next introduced Rev. Geo. C. Sampson.

Rev. Sampson expressed himself highly pleased upon such an important occasion. He congratulated the pastor and church upon the grand work accomplished for God and humanity.

Dr. C. Asbury, P. E. of the Allegheny district, was introduced and proceeded to deliver in his eloquent and interesting usual style a most hearty response to the foregoing words of welcome. Among other things he said: "We want wives who can not only play the piano, but who can make bread and beds."

Dr. Embey was introduced, and spoke in behalf of the general officers expressing his gratitude and appreciation of the cordial expression of welcome. He congratulated the Conference on its businesslike manner. He earnestly believes that the future points to better things for us. He emphasized the necessity of moral culture. The American idea as to the development of the material should and must be changed. We want to cultivate and develop more on the religious side. The thoroughly trained preacher only can succeed. Put God in the preacher, common sense in his heart—the key to the

human heart--we will succeed. "When we increase our ranks let us increase them with *men*."

This meeting throughout was full of inspiration and power. The music was quite cheering and melodious. Collection, $2.70.

The Bishop announced that on to-morrow night the subject of "Ministerial Education" will be discussed. Resolutions with reference to the splendid meeting were submitted by Rev. H. A. Grant. The same were adopted. (See Reports on Resolutions).

After some announcements by the Bishop and Pastor Jeffries, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Second Day.—Morning Session.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 11, 1895.

Conference convened at 9:00 A. M., Bishop Arnett in the chair. Opening devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Coppin, who announced hymn, "Try Us, O God, and Search the Ground," followed by a fervent prayer. The ritual services were also conducted. by Dr. Coppin. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Rev. Dr. Newsom, of Waynesburg, Pa., made his report.

Rev. J. J. Norris, of Bridgewater, submitted his report.

Rev. L. A. Barber reported his work from Blacksville, W. Va.

The transfer of Rev. P. E. Steward, of the New Jersey Conference, to the Pittsburg Annual Conference was announced by the Bishop.

ELECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

The Conference roll was called, and it was found that there were 64 members, entitling the Conference to three delegates.

By motion it was voted that Dr. Coppin and H. T. Johnson act as judges, and that Dr. Emery and Rev. Gains act as clerks.

The Conference then proceeded to the election of ministerial delegates and alternates for the ensuing General Con-

ference, which convenes May, 1896, at Wilmington. N. C. The election resulted as follows on first ballot:

1. D. S. Bentley.....28
2. W. H. Brown 27
3. C. Asbury.....21
4. I. N. Ross 18
5. W. H. Palmer.....13
6. C. A. Magee.....11
7. G. C. Sampson.....10
8. R. Tanner.....10
9. R. H. Morris.....10
10. W. S. Lowry..... 1
11. G. G. Skinner..... 1

Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., was elected.

Result of second ballot:

1. W. H. Brown.....25
2. C. Asbury.....24
3. I. N. Ross.....15
4. W. H. Palmer.....10
5. G. C. Sampson..... 9
6. R. H. Morris. 6
7. R. Tanner..... 6
8. W. S. Lowry..... 2
9. G. G. Skinner 1

No choice was had at this ballot.

Result of third ballot:

1. C. Asbury.....34
2. I. N. Ross.....30
3. W. H. Brown.....27
4. W. H. Palmer.....10
5. W. S. Lowry..... 1

Dr. Asbury and Ross were declared elected on this ballot.

Delegates—Revs. D. S. Bentley, D. D., C. Asbury, D. D., I. N. Ross.

On motion it was voted that those receiving the highest number of votes be the alternates, and the Secretary cast the vote. They stand as follows:

1. W. H. Brown.....27
2. W. H. Palmer.....13
3. C. A. McGee.....11

The minutes of the Electoral College of the Pittsburg Annual Conference were submitted to the Conference and were approved. (See minutes of Electoral College).

Conference went into conference missionary session.

Conference resumed its session.

Dr. J. C. Embey called the attention of the Conference to the condition of the publishing house. The same was ably represented, and an urgent appeal was made to the brethren to solicit at least three cash subscriptions from their respective charges. The necessity of purchasing and reading books published by our worthy authors was earnestly urged.

The time having arrived for adjournment, "Up Into Thee Our Living Head," was sung. Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Second Day—Afternoon Session.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 11, 1895.

Conference reconvened at 2:00 P. M. Bishop Arnett in the chair. Opening devotional exercises consisting of singing, "A Charge to Keep I Have." The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The matter of Bro. Smith of Charleroi, in reference to $10 which was paid as "Dollar" money at Wheeling, W. Va., was referred to another place for adjustment.

The following persons were elected to serve on the Educational Board and Sunday-school Committee:

Educational Board.—W. H. Coston, R. Tanner and G. G. Skinner. *Laymen*—By motion, Rev. Logan, of Wilkes-Barre, and J. H. Thomson, of New Haven.

Sunday-school Committee.—By motion, W. J. Jeffries, C. A. McGee and W. H. Palmer.

Trustees, Wilberforce.—By motion, David F. Caliman, time beginning June, 1895; I. B. Till, time commencing June, 1896. *Layman.*—By motion, Samuel Pratt, of Meadville, Pa., time commencing June, 1896.

INTRODUCTIONS.

Messrs. B. W. Davis and R. E. S. Myel were introduced to the Conference.

Conference went into Preachers' Aid Society and then again resumed business.

Resolutions commendatory with reference to the Christian Endeavor Society were offered by D. S. Bentley. The same were adopted. (See Report on Resolutions.)

By motion of I. N. Ross, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to devise a plan for the purpose of raising funds to send Bishop Arnett abroad. The latter resolu- was offered as an amendment to the former. The committee comprises Bentley, Lowry and Ross.

"O For a Heart to Praise My God" was then sung, and the Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M. for Educational meeting. Speakers for the occasion, W. S. Lowry, I. N. Ross and W. C. Gains.

Benediction by G. C. Sampson.

Second Day.—Evening Session.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 11, 1895.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Conference reconvened at 8:00 P. M. Bishop Arnett in the chair. Devotional opening exercises consisting of, "Sing Them Over Again to Me," was sung by the choir. Prayer by Carter Wright.

The choir sang, "When the Mists Have Rolled Away" with power and much expression. Bishop Arnett said, "It is a pleasing thing to know, that away down in the future, the time will come when mystery and the mists of ignorance shall be rolled away. This is the great mission of Christian Education; roll the mists away."

The choir again sang a choice selection. "In My Father's House Are Many Mansions."

Rev. J. M. Morris submitted a very interesting and extensive report on education.

Pending the adoption of the report, the Conference and large audience were treated to rare and forcible speeches on the subject in hand. Rev. I. N. Ross, of Pittsburg, spoke of the importance of the great work and necessity of education. His remarks were well received. At the conclusion of which, the vast audience was treated to a very cheering and pleasing quartet. The next speaker introduced was the Rev. W. C. Gains, of Union. His remarks were filled with instruction, inspiration and encouragement, presented in an eloquent and forcible manner.

The choir sang another choice selection, and the Rev. W. S. Lowry, of East End, Pittsburg, being introduced, spoke upon the utility and advantages of education. Especially that phase of it which pertains to Christian culture and development. The present and the future invite our most earnest and thorough efforts in preparation.

"Opportunity is a sensible thing, it never goes to a man unless he is qualified"—Bishop Arnett.

Resolutions with reference to education, and the interesting speeches, were submitted by the secretary and H. A. Grant. The same were adopted. (See Report on Resolutions).

The Report on Education was adopted.

Contributors to the Payne Theological Seminary:

Mayor Nichols	$5 00	Rev. M. S. Jones	$ 50
Prof. Conklin	2 00	Rev. Alex. Smothers	50
Dr. Coppin	1 00	Mrs. S. L. Gardner	50
Rev. G. C. Sampson	1 00	Mrs. Kennedy	50
Rev. J. E. Morris	1 00	John Logan	1 00
Rev. T. A. J. West	1 00	Rev. D. F. Caliman	1 00
Rev. R. H. Morris	1 00	Rev. C. A. McGee	50
Rev. I. N. Ross	1 00	Rev. D. Newson	50
Rev. W. S. Lowry	1 00	Dr. W. H. Palmer	50
Rev. Cyrus Woodson	1 00	Rev. S. P. West	20
Rev. J. W. Jeffries	1 00	Rev. S. Christian	25
Rev. Franz Rollins	1 00	Rev. S. A. Young	25
Rev. J. M. Morris	50	Rev. S. C. Honesty	25
Rev. Henry Smith	1 00	Rev. W. N. Young	25
Rev. H. G. Thomas	25	Rev. M. R. Henderson	50
Rev. I. B. Till	1 00	Rev. C. Wright	50
Miss Annie Rollins	50	Rev. T. J. Askew	25
Rev. R. A. Scott	25	Rev. J. W. Riley	1 00
Maggie Anderson	1 00	Rev. O. T. Davis	50
Bertha Pratt	50	Rev. Chas. Garner	25

A motion prevailed that the excellent musical club which rendered such pleasing music, and which offers itself for the interest of Payne Theological Seminary be accepted.

A committee comprising I. N. Ross, W. S. Lowry, C. H. Brown. Dr. J. C. Embey and Bishop Arnett was appointed to confer with the club with reference to plans and terms.

Dr. Coppin lead in singing "Marching Must Be Done."

The collection for Education:

Subscription	$26 75
Public	4 70
Total	$31 45

After necessary announcements "Up Into Thee Our Living Head" was sung, and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Coppin.

Third Day—Morning Session.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 12, 1895.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 A. M., Bishop Arnett in the chair. Devotional opening exercises were conducted by Rev. T. N. J. West. After prayer, "I Am Trusting, Lord, in Thee" was sung.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

An additional subscription to the roll for education was taken to the amount of $5.40. (See roll).

The Committee on Sunday School made its report through Rev. C. H. Brown. Pending its adoption Dr. Coppin spoke on the necessity of a thorough Sunday school training for the young people of the Church. Rev. W. H. Coston also spoke on the report. The report was adopted.

Resolutions referring to the outrages committed on Christian missionaries in China were read by Rev. W. S. Lowry.

A motion to adopt the resolutions elicited discussions by J. M. Morris, W. H. Coston and W. S. Lowry. The same were referred to Committee on State of Country and Church.

Rev. W. T. Anderson, M. D., of the North Ohio Annual Conference, was introduced and seated within the bar of the Conference.

The Book Steward, D. S. Bentley, collected money for Conference minutes and submitted his report. (See Book Steward's report).

The report on temperance was submitted by C. Wright. Pending the adoption of the same very earnest and forcible discussions ensued by W. C. Gains, W. H. Palmer, J. P. Stephens and I. N. Ross.

A motion was offered by Rev. H. A. Grant that we, as ministers, put ourselves against all phases of drinking. It was generally agreed that the report on temperance includes all of which come under the duty of the ministry. The motion was laid on the table by order of the Conference.

The report on Bible Cause was submitted by Rev. I. B. Till.

The report was discussed by Rev. W. C. Gains and I. B. Till.

The Bishop insisted that each preacher preach a special sermon on the "Utility of the Bible." Go to the Bible and see what it says; see what Paul says; what Peter and John says "Reverence God's word." "Study the science, the

geology, the archeology, the geography and the secret names of the Bible."

Rev. C. Asbury rose, and in an earnest manner endorsed the foregoing sentiments.

The report was adopted.

"O for a Heart to Praise My God," was then sung, and the Conference adjourned until 2:15 P. M.

Benediction by Dr. W. T. Anderson.

Third Day.—Afternoon Session.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 12, 1895.

Conference reconvened at 2:30, Bishop Arnett in the chair.

Devotional opening services consisted of singing "It Reaches Me."

A letter explaining the absence of Rev. Father Ralph was read and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

MONONGAHELA CITY, Pa., Oct. 9, 1895.

Bishop B. W. Arnett and Brethren of the A. M. E. Conference, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:—I sincerely regret my absence from this session. 1st, Because my heart and soul longs to be with my brethren. 2nd, Because the renewal of the associations and acquaintances of the past, which now grow so dim upon me, would be exceeding pleasant amid my weakness and infirmities. I am deterred, dear friends, from being with you by the stern command, given in an advisory way, by my physician, who says that such a journey at such season of the year, and at my advanced years, would more than likely prove harmful. Hence, for this reason, I deem it best to obey the command and remain quietly by my fireside.

Allow me to say, brethren, that my heart is with you. I pray God that his wisdom and grace may sustain you in all you do, and that the burdens you may bear the incoming year may be gladly borne in the fullness and knowledge, and to the eternal glory of our beloved Master and His cause. I ask an interest in your prayers, that as I near the Great Crossing I may be cheered and sustained by Him whose humble standard bearer I have earnestly and faithfully tried to be. Again asking God's blessing upon you all, I am, with sincere regards, your brother in Christ, WILLIAM G. RALPH.

A letter explaining the absence of Rev. Peter Bernard, of Monongahela City, was also received.

Report on First and Second Years' Studies was submitted by Dr. W. H. Palmer, and was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report on Admissions was submitted by Rev. G. C. Sampson and was adopted. (SeeReports.)

The Bishop called Bros. J. E. Morris, Charles Butts, James S. Eaton and Elisha Bazier before the altar for disiplinary instruction, and to be received on trial. The instructions were quite unique and timely.

Dr. J. C. Embey took his leave of the Bishop and Conference. Dr. Embey said, "Long live the Pittsburg Conference," and the brethren all heartily sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

"The word has gone out, we have no tobacco money in this Conference."—Bishop Arnett.

"Try Us, O God, and Search the Ground," was sung by the Conference.

The Committee on Fourth Year's Studies was submitted by Rev. R. H. Morris. The same was by motion adopted, and that Rev. S. P. West and Charles Garner be ordained elders.

By motion it was ordered that Brothers Elisha Bazier, Eli McNight, Julius Page, J. W. Brown and Toney Askew be ordained deacons under the missionary rule. The Bishop requested the Committee on First and Second Years' Studies to examine the above-named persons with reference to their ordination.

PRESIDING ELDER REPORTS.

Rev. John W. Riley, P. E. of the Wheeling, W. Va., District, read his report, which was elaborate and replete.

Rev. William H. Brown, P. E. of the Pittsburg District, read a very excellent and instructive report.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., made his report, which was received.

Rev. Cornelius Asbury, D. D., P. E. of the Allegheny District, submitted his report, which shows an encouraging work done. (See Reports.)

Report on Circuits and Stations, to wit: "We recommend that there be no change," submitted by Rev. C. A. McGee.

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

W. H. Brown, Benjamin Wheeler and D. S. Bentley were nominated and elected members of the Board on Church Extension.

LAYMEN.

Walter Billows, of Pittsburg, and Sylvester Burrells, of Allegheny, by motion were elected.

The Committee on Finance submitted a partial report through Chairman Benj. Wheeler. The same was adopted.

The report on Public Worship was again submitted and was adopted.

The time to adjourn having arrived, Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30. Benediction by the Bishop.

Third Day.—Evening Session.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 12, 1895.

NOTE.—A spiritual song service, fraught with power and inspiration, conducted by the Rev. W. C. Gains, of Uniontown, Pa., ensued from 7:00 to 7:30 P. M.

Conference reconvened at 7:30, Bishop B. W. Arnett in the chair. Opening services consisted of music by the choir. Rev. Benj. Morgan led in an earnest prayer. The choir then sang a choice selection, "Holy."

The Conference went into Historical Literary session at 8:30, and resumed its session at 9:30. After the singing of the doxology and benediction by the Bishop, the Conference adjourned.

Fourth Day Sunday Morning.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 13, 1895.

[NOTE.—At 10:15 A. M. a spiritual and soul-inspiring song service was held, led by Revs. W. H. Brown and W. C. Geons. This exercise was most opportune, preparatory to the morning sermon.]

Services commenced at 10:45 A. M., Bishop Arnett, D. D., L.L. D., presiding. Opening devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. W. T. Anderson, M. D., Toledo, Ohio. Hymn. "Let Zion's Watchmen All Awake," was sung by the choir and congregation. Rev. Isaac N. Ross, of Pittsburg, earnestly and prevailingly importuned a throne of divine grace. The choir then sang hymn 743. Scripture lesson, Isaiah 61: 1-11, was read by the Rev. James M. Morris, Brownsville, Pa. Ritualistic services were led by Rev. George C. Sampson, Titusville, Pa.

ORDINATION SERMON BY BISHOP B. W. ARNETT, D. D., L L. D.

Bishop Arnett announced for his text Heb. 11: 3. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Subject, "Faith." Synopsis of sermon: The Bishop said: This chapter is one of the most distinguished in the New Testament, dedicated to the commonwealth of faith. What Washington's monument is to the Republic—each stone in it representing a state and an individual—so is this chapter to the household of faith. The building of this monument to the honor of the Father of the Western Republic was great. But the erecting of this grand structure of divine material consists of stones more precious. St. Paul has here constructed a monument of faith deeper, higher and broader than that erected to Washington. Centuries have rolled away. Still we go to look at the monument. We see it standing in all its beauty and its glory. St. Paul laid the basis of it in faith. Standing on this monument, we look back over the past, forward to the future, and up to the infinite God.

A thing is true in proportion as we see and believe. A truth in the mind must become a truth out of the mind. We must believe our eyes and our ears, or be constantly deceived. There are three conditions, one of which claims our mind: Belief, doubt or disbelief. Faith applies to the individual, history and revelation. Just in proportion as we believe these they are true. The faith of the individual to the physical world is demonstrated in that the farmer depends upon it

for sustenance. He plows and sows, then waits for it to send on the crop. The same is true with respect to commercial and financial affairs. We trust in them in proportion to our faith in them. Bro. Asbury tells me he'll give me his note for 90 days for $150. As I believe him, I take the paper. If I doubt him, I have another man sign it. If I doubt this man, I have another man sign it. As I have confidence in this man, so in the value of the note.

Faith lays hold on the business world. It is the motive power of all human art. The artist must have faith in his own ability, that his fingers will do what his mind conceives. It is the bond of all connubial love. The family altar is built on faith. Filial and fraternal love rest upon this eternal rock. As soon as doubt and mistrust come in "the cord that bound begins to unwrap."

Three elements go to make up the essentials of faith: (1) Confidence, (2) Reliance, and (3) Trust. Faith in the country guarantees us a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Paternal and maternal love depend upon faith. My mother tells me who my earthly father is, so the Bible tells me who my Heavenly Father is. Hence, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

This divine proposition was clearly and forcibly illustrated by a number of glowing descriptions from historical facts, applying them with power and eloquence to the Scriptural evidence based upon the word of God. As these glowing pictures, drawn from historical facts, were held up before our gaze, and by astuteness of application, the headlight of revealed truth turned on the Bible, the whole cannonical structure, from Genesis to Revelation, was made to sparkle with dazzling splendor, and "Faith," as the "substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," was seen in a clearer and stronger light than ever before.

While the choir sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," a collection by Revs. Lowry and Ross was token up, amounting to $16.03.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

Rev. B. Wheeler, assisted by Elders W. H. Brown and W. H. Palmer, presented before the altar the following persons to be ordained to the office of Deacons, viz.: Jesse Wallace, Toney J. Askew, Elisha Bazier, John W. Brown, Eli McNight, Julius P. Paige and Page W. Douse.

Bishop Arnett duly and reverently ordained them to the office of Deacons

ORDINATION OF ELDERS.

Rev. C. Asbury, assisted by Elders R. Tanner, W. S. Lowry, R. H. Morris, D. S. Bentley, W. H. Brown, J. W. Riley and G. C. Sampson, presented Charles Garner and Simon P. West before the altar, who were duly and solemnly ordained to the office of Elders by Bishop Arnett.

COMMUNION SERVICES.

The holy communion, being consecrated by Bishop Arnett, was administered by Elders Asbury, Brown and Riley to the newly-ordained brethren, and then to the attending ministers and members.

Thus closed a most deeply interesting and inspiring service.

Fourth Day Sunday Afternoon.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 13, 1895.

Services began at 2:30. Bishop Arnett presiding. Rev. Cyrus Woodson led in prayer. After singing some choice and stirring selections, Bishop Arnett introduced Rev. W. T. Anderson, B. D., M. D., to the large audience.

Dr. Anderson chose for a basis as his subject, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15. The audience was favored with an interesting talk from the following divisions:

(1) The command, "Go ye."

(2) The parish, "To all the world."

(3) The duty, "Preach the gospel."

(4) To whom, "To every creature."

"The church, school house and store infallible signs of Christian civilization."—Bishop Arnett.

The following women, as officers and workers in the cause of Missions, were seated on the rostrum:

Mrs. Gracie Offer, Pittsburg, President Mite Missionary Convention.

Mrs. H. A. Grant, Bellefont, Pa.

Mrs. E. Thomas, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mrs. Drucilla Meritt, Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Jamiah Wallace, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mrs. Sarah Shawthers, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Arnett, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mrs. J. J. Norris, Bridgewater, Pa.

Mrs. J W. Jeffries, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Miss Ella Henson, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Miss Annie Cameron, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Jordan, Danville, Pa.

Miss Ida M. Hamilton, Danville, Pa.

Mrs. Blue, Williamsport, Pa.

Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Thomas lifted a collection. Amount, $30.42.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Hymns, "And must I Be to Judgment Brought?" and "Hark From the Tomb" were sung.

Rev. S. C. Honesty, of Braddock, Pa., read the Report on Memoirs in memory of the Hon. Frederick Douglass, Rev. David J. Johnson, late of the Pittsburg Conference, and "Little" Kittie M. Brown, daughter of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown, of the same Conference. (See Report on Memoirs).

Dr. C. Asbury spoke on the report, paying a glowing tribute to the life and work of Mr. Douglass.

Rev. W. H. Brown referred feelingly and fittingly to the work, life and memory of Rev. Johnson.

May the gloom of sadness occasioned by the departure of "Little" Kittie Brown be ever dispersed from our dear Brother and Sister Brown by the Blessed Comforter. (Secretary).

At the conclusion of this impressive service the audience arose and feelingly sung "Meet Me There, When the Toils of Life Are O'er," led by Rev. Caliman.

Fourth Day—Sunday Evening Session.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 13, 1895.

Services commenced at 8 o'clock, Bishop Arnett presiding. Rev. Skinner, of Bradford, led in prayer, and an excellent service of song was engaged in.

Rev. I. N. Ross, of Pittsburg, announced for his text, Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and save that which is lost." Theme, "The mission of Jesus Christ to our world."

The incarnation of the Son of Man was beautifully and logically dwelt upon, and explained in a manner in keeping with God's word. Rev. Mr. Ross went from one truth to another with a sweep of heart-searching conclusion, carrying the audience with him.

At the close of the sermon stirring selections were rendered, and three came forward for prayer.

A collection of $20 was lifted by W. S. Lowry, who afterward presented the claim of the missionary periodical, *Women's Light and Love for Heathen Africa*, in an able manner.

This closed a most inspiring and auspicious day of divine service. Doxology and benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Fifth Day—Morning Session.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 14, 1895.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Presiding Elder Brown in the chair. He announced hymn 543, "My Drowsy Powers, Why Sleep Ye So." The same was heartily sung. Elder Brown led in a feeling prayer. Scripture lesson, 133d Psalm, was read by Elder Brown. The minutes of the previous session were read, and after necessary corrections were approved.

Conference went into Teachers' Aid Society session at 9:30 A. M., and resumed business at 11:30 A. M.

The Report on Church and Country was submitted by the chairman, Dr. C. Asbury. The same was adopted.

Report on Sunday School Union was received from Secretary Smith. The same was referred to the minutes.

A petition from Allen Chapel, Elizabeth, Pa., praying to

be made a station, was read by the Bishop. The request, by motion, was granted.

Motion by J. M. Morris, that Sewickley be detached from Bridgewater and supplied by the Conference. The motion was carried.

A communication from Dr. John G. Mitchell was read by C. Asbury and referred to a special committee. Resolution endorsing the following was adopted:

COPY OF RESOLUTION.

PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

WHEREAS, The African Methodist Episcopal Church is the most powerful and progressive organization of colored men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The consecrated and enlightened pulpit is the mightiest power on earth in the elevation and Christian enlightenment of humanity; and,

WHEREAS, Payne Theological Seminary was founded by the Bishops of the African M. E. Church without a dissenting voice; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will most heartily co-operate with the Board of Directors of Payne Theological Seminary in any well-directed effort they may make for the erection of a large, massive memorial building at Wilberforce; that we suggest that this building be large enough to accommodate from 120 to 130 students, and to furnish rooms sufficient for libraries, recitations, etc.; that it be built of the best quality of stone, and that it shall be worth from one hundred and fifty thousand to two hundred thousand dollars.

J. W. GAZAWAY,
W. T. ANDERSON,
R. C. RANSOM,
WM. BYRD,
D. W. BUTLER.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 14, 1895.

Your special committee, appointed to consider the suggestion of Dr. J. G. Mitchell with reference to the erection of a Memorial Twentieth Century Building, report the following:

We endorse the suggestion of Dr. Mitchell, and heartily concur with the foregoing resolution, adopted by the North Ohio Conference referring to the same.

C. ASBURY,
J. W. RILEY,
I. N. ROSS.

Report of the Committee on General Conference Assessment.

Wylie Avenue	$40 00	Brownsville	$ 7 00
East End	12 00	Uniontown	10 00
Williamsport	10 00	Erie	4 00
Wilkes-Barre	10 00	Meadville	8 00
Scranton	10 00	Bradford	6 00
Bellefonte	8 00	Duquesne	3 00
Altoona	6 00	Charleroi	3 00
New Haven	6 00	Cannonsburg	10 00
Braddock	5 00	Washington	12 00
Philipsburg	5 00	Wheeling	5 00
Bedford	4 00	West Middletown	3 00
Milton	3 00	Waynesburg	5 00
Lewistown	5 00	Parkersburg	4 00
Greensburg	5 00	Clarksburg	4 00
Bloomsburg	4 00	Phillippi	2 00
Montrose	5 00	Jersey Shore	3 00
Tyrone	5 00	Pittston	2 00
Brown's Chapel	30 00	Franklin	5 00
Chartiers Street	12 00	East Elizabeth	6 00
South Side	5 00	Bellevue	3 00
Oil City	12 00	Morgantown	8 00
West Newton	5 00	Boone	2 00
New Brighton	10 00	Blackville	2 00
Bridgewater	4 00		
Monongahela	6 00	Total	$333 00

W. S. Lowry,
J. W. Riley.
C. Asbury,
Committee.

By motion it was voted that the pastor stationed at Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg, be custodian, and the amount be sent per assessment to him between now and the 1st of March, 1896.

A communication from Mrs. Louis W. Hall, Manager of Pennsylvania Cotton Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., asking aid in the payment of $250 was read by Elder Brown. The same was received, and a contribution of $8.00 was taken up and turned over to Bishop Arnett.

The Committee on Funds to send Bishop Arnett abroad submitted a report, and showed that $176.50 had been subscribed.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BISHOP B. W. ARNETT FOR A TRIP ABROAD.

D. S. Bentley	$10 00	S. Christian	$ 3 00
W. Asbury	10 00	D. F. Caliman	3 00
I. N. Ross	10 00	W. H. Palmer	3 00
C. H. Brown	2 00	R. H Morris	2 00
B. Wheeler	5 00	R. H. Bumry	3 00
W. H. Pride	2 00	A. Smothers	2 50
S. P. West	2 00	R. M. Henderson	2 50
C. N. Woodson	4 00	Daniel Newsom	2 00
P. A. Scott	2 50	W. H. Coston	5 00
J. M. Morris	5 00	G. W. West	3 00
M. S. Jones	5 00	T. J. Simmons	3 00
W. C. Goens	5 00	O. T. Davis	3 00
I. B. Till	5 00	T. J. Askew	2 00
A. E. Waldon	3 00	W. M. Palmer	5 00
Richard Tanner	5 00	A. R. Palmer	3 00
C. A. McGee	5 00	H. Johnson	2 00
G. C. Sampson	5 00	J. W. Brown	2 00
H. G. Thomas	5 00	C. N. Butts	2 00
J. P. Stephens	2 50	C. Garner	2 00
G. G. Skinner	2 50	S. C. Honesty	1 00
E. R. Bazier	2 00	J. W. Sanders	50
W. N. Young	2 00	E. McNight	50
C. Wright	5 00	Julius Paige	5 00
J. P. Wallace	2 00	J. J. Norris	2 00
T. A. J. West	2 00		
H. A. Grant	3 00	Total Amount	$176 50
R. Brown	3 00		

The above to be collected not later than the 1st of February, 1896, and remitted to Rev. D. S. Bentley, 109 James street, Allegheny City, Pa.

D. S. BENTLEY,
I. N. ROSS,
W. S. LOWRY,
Committee.

Conference resolved into Historical Literary session and resumed business.

By motion it was ordered that Charles Addison, East End, Pittsburg, be ordained Deacon on October 22, 1895.

By motion it was voted that Silvester Barell, Allegheny, be ordained Elder October 22 1895.

By motion it was ordered that twenty-five minutes be appropriated to the Wheeling District.

Resolutions by Rev. H. A. Grant were offered, commenda-

tory to the splendid work done by Bishop Arnett, the hospitable people, the secretaries and the editors. The same were adopted.

PETITION OF THE PITTSBURG ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE TO MEET IN WILMINGTON, N. C., MAY, 1896.

We petition your honorable body to return to us our very much esteemed and worthy presiding officer, Bishop B. W. Arnett, for the ensuing quadrenial. Adopted. W. S. Lowry.

By motion it was ordered that the secretary be empowered to sign the names of all the Conference members to the said petition, and send the same to the General Conference.

Rev. Asbury made some very timely and appropriate remarks.

The subject for Historical Literary Society for 1896: "The Bible: Its Sufficiency, Supremacy and Christianity."

By motion it was ordered that the Conference adjourn to meet at Washington, Pa., at the appointment of the Presiding Bishop.

Elders Bentley, Riley and Asbury were appointed as a Committee on Ordination of Elders at Pittsburg, October 22, 1895, and W. H. Brown, W. S. Lowry and C. H. Brown on Deacon's ordination.

Pending the reading of appointments, Bishop Arnett said:

"Thanks for labor and progress made intellectually, socially and morally. May God bless you in your work. I have received letters from nearly all the churches, speaking commendably of the pastors. Only one letter was received asking for the removal of a pastor, and that was because they thought he was too good for the place. I am glad of the harmony prevailing between the people, pastors and presiding elders. Bishops cannot visit all the places. The presiding elders are the representatives of the bishops. I would like to be there, but pressing demands upon me prevent it. May God bless you in your work. Thank God we abandoned the Judiciary Committee for this year. Let us resolve to be a law unto ourselves, and never have any need for such a committee. God bless you all."

The appointments were then made as follows:

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

REV. WILLIAM H. BROWN, PRESIDING ELDER.

STATIONS.

Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg.....I. N. Ross
East End, Pittsburg.....W. S. Lowry
Altoona, Pa.....J. P. Stephens
Williamsport, Pa.....David F. Caliman
Scranton, Pa.....C. A. McGee
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.....J. W. Jeffries
New Haven, Pa.....Cyrus Woodson
Bellefonte, Pa.....Henry A. Grant
Braddock, Pa.....S. C. Honesty
Lewistown, Pa.....T. J. Simmons
Phillipsburg, Pa.....R. M. Henderson
Bedford, Pa.....Charles Garner
Montrose, Pa.....O. T. Davis
Bloomsburg, Pa.....Hutchinson Johnson
Greensburg, Pa.....W. N. Young
Homestead, Pa.....J. M. Morris
Tyrone Mission, Pa.....Sandy Christian
Milton Mission, Pa.....Hartley G. Thomas
Pittston Mission, Pa.....Israel Holmes
Lock Haven, Pa.....Toney J. Askew
McConnellsburg, Pa.....Cyrus Young

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

REV. CORNELIUS ASBURY, D. D., PRESIDING ELDER.

STATIONS.

Brown's Chapel, Allegheny.....Daniel S. Bentley, D. D.
Chartiers, Allegheny.....Richard Tanner
South Side, Pittsburg.....Charles Brown
Monongahela City.....Anthony Waldon
Brownsville.....Richard Brown
Uniontown.....Wm. C. Goens

New Brighton.....I. B. Till, B. D.
Meadville.....Price A. Scott
Franklin.....S. P. West
Erie.....Jesse P. Wallace
Oil City.....George C. Sampson
Elizabeth.....Benj. Wheeler
Bridgewater.....J. J. Norris
Bradford.....G. G. Skinner
West Newton Circuit.....B. Morgan
Bellevue Mission.....M. S. Jones
Charleroi Mission.....Geo. W. Webster
Sewickley Mission.....T. A. J. West
McKeesport.....A. R. Palmer
Bellevernon.....J. W. Brown

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Rev. John W. Riley, Presiding Elder.

STATIONS.

Wheeling, W. Va.....Richard Bumry
Washington, Pa.....R. H. Morris
Cannonsburg, Pa.....Carter Wright
Waynesburg, Pa.....Daniel Newsom
Parkersburg, W. Va.....Wm. H. Coston, B. D.
Clarkesburg, W. Va.....Wm. H. Pride
Morgantown, W. Va.....Eli McNight
Boone, W. Va.....C. H. Butt
West Middletown, Pa.....Alex. Smothers
Blacksville, W. Va.....L. A. Barber
Beverley, W. Va.....Elisha Bazier
Weston Mission, W. Va.....J. W. Saunders

No further business appearing before the Conference, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the Twenty-eighth session adjourned.

Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D., L.L D., *Bishop.*
David F. Caliman, *Conference Secretary.*

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—One year ago I took up the work so faithfully and effectually carried forward for years by my illustrious predecessors, Rev. D. S. Bentley and Rev. Cornelius Asbury. We are happy to report that gracious and widespread revivals have prevailed. Within the bounds of the district during the year the ministers have succeeded in enrolling over three hundred persons on probation, and it is with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father we come to report the labors of the preachers for another year. The ministers of the district have special reason for thankfulness to God for the preservation of life and health. We have not been invaded by death in the active ranks, though death has claimed one of our superannuated preachers, viz., Rev. David J. Johnson. He died at his home in the city of Williamsport. His death was peaceful and triumphant in our blessed Lord.

We have 20 preachers and 28 preaching places. Only 9 of these points are self-sustaining; 19 are only mission work. Most of the charges have about 18 to 25 members, with but few people of color. In the towns, and in the most mountainous part of Pennsylvania, about two-thirds of the preachers have had but a scanty living. The most of these good, faithful ministers get less than our missionaries in Africa. Some of the wives of our preachers have been compelled to work and help their children, and, in many instances, go out and look for work. I ask the "Woman's Mite Missionary" to investigate home work and sufferings of the home missionary and lend a helping hand. Something must be done.

CHURCHES IN PARTICULAR.

WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURG.

This old historical church is under the pastoral care of Rev. I. N. Ross, who has labored faithfully and earnestly in his work. This old mother church is in good spiritual condition, but needs a new building very much. The old building has been remodeled so often, and yet it is an old-time

structure. The under walls are giving away and the interior is dark and gloomy, but the progressive element have taken steps to replace this old building with a new one of modern style with the latest improvements. A Sinking Fund Society has been organized by the pastor, the Rev. Ross, and considerable funds have been collected for the erection of a new building. The trustees of this Church have a "Charles Avery Ministerial Fund" in charge, and are managing the same very judiciously for the support of the gospel among our people of Pittsburg and Allegheny. About one thousand dollars has been appropriated this Conference year to the following churches: Wylie Avenue, Brown's Chapel, Chartiers, East End and South Side Churches. In the year 1898 there will be five more churches on this fund, when Pittsburg will be a greater city.

ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH, EAST END, PITTSBURG.

Rev. W. S. Lowry, pastor. Rev. Lowry, through his business-like manner, has succeeded in securing to this society church property to the value of nearly five thousand dollars, and we are now preparing to break ground for a new church in a popular part of the city. The church is in a good spiritual condition, and we hope in the near future to build such a house as to be the pride of African Methodism in the two cities. Good work has been done this year. The people love their pastor, and have the utmost confidence in his Christian integrity and financial ability to build their church.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Rev. R. Tanner, pastor. This is one of the most refined and cultured congregations in the Third Episcopal District, and has the most beautiful church in the Conference. Rev. R. Tanner has done excellent work in paying off the debt of the church. He has purchased a fine parsonage on Erie street, just adjoining the church property. Rev. Tanner has served this church for four years successively, and is much beloved by his people. They regret to part with him. He is an able preacher and would grace any pulpit that the Bishop may see fit to appoint him to. He is deserving, he has fought his way to the front ranks.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries, pastor. This is one of our leading churches, which you can see for yourselves. I am sorry that the Bishop and younger members of our Conference did not see this building before the remodeling, then you would have

some idea of the work of Rev. Jeffries. His work has eclipsed all of his predecessors. He has his people completely organized, from the infant children up to the eldest persons of his church. He is the right man in the right place. Rev. Jeffries is one of the best workers in our connection; such men are in demand in the A. M. E. Church. He is beloved by his people, and commands with love and wisdom.

SCRANTON, PA.

Rev. C. A. McGee, pastor. This is a pleasant charge, with an intelligent, Christian people. Brother McGee has done good pastoral work, and built up the spiritual work in Scranton. He is much beloved by his people.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Rev. H. A. Grant, pastor. This is an old point, and is in a good spiritual condition. The young people, as a rule, will not remain in Bellefonte. Our society is not any stronger now than it was thirty years ago. Rev. Grant has done a good work and improved his church. There was some little opposition in the beginning of the year against Rev. Grant, but by his work and Christian deportment, opposition has banished like the morning dew. The church now is moving on, Our Father's Church is moving on, under Rev. Grant.

NEW HAVEN, PA.

Rev. Cyrus Woodson, pastor. This church has done wonderfully well under Rev. C. Woodson's administration. He has increased the membership from thirty to eighty members, and reduced the debt from six hundred dollars to less than two hundred dollars. He is zealous in his work and takes great delight in his charge. New Haven bids fair to become one of the best charges in the Conference. Our people are becoming settled in the coke regions and our possibilities seem better.

BRADDOCK, PA.

Rev. S. C. Honesty, pastor. This is comparatively a new work. We have an excellent church, but very much in debt. The membership is very small, though thousands of our people are in Braddock. Rev. Honesty has done well, held his own and made some advancement along the line of African Methodism.

HOMESTEAD, PA.

Rev. A. E. Waldon, pastor. Here we have a good church, facing the public park, in an excellent part of the city, but very heavily in debt. The church is somewhat in danger.

Duquesne is a part of this work. Here we have a new church and a few people, with a heavy church debt. Rev. Waldon has done the best he could.

GREENSBURG, PA.

Rev. W. N. Young, pastor. Our church in this growing town is increasing, but nothing more than a mission. Rev. Young has done a good work. Our people are coming into this town and settling down. The church building is small and neat, also free from debt, with a bright future before it. Rev. Young has the confidence and respect of the entire community.

ALTOONA, PA.

Rev. J. P. Stephens, pastor. The people and pastor of this church started in the beginning of the year and did good work in the first quarter, but, for some cause, there is considerable dissatisfaction between people and pastor. The pastor seems not to understand the people, and, on the other hand, the people seem not to understand the pastor. We have but a few members and a very small congregation, although there are hundreds of people in the city. Our church property is very much in debt, and we have made no headway in paying off the debt, although considerable money has been collected this year. The salary question has caused some trouble. There is a difference of opinion in the matter between the presiding elder and the pastor, which we will ask the Bishop's ruling at the proper time at the Conference. I have found Rev. Stephens to be an earnest, christian gentleman.

CIRCUITS.

MONTROSE CIRCUIT.

Rev. O. T. Davis, pastor. This circuit has two points, Waverly and Montrose, with people at each point. Rev. Davis has worked hard, and makes the best report that is made in this Conference, all things considered. Rev. O. T. Davis is a good pastor. Montrose is an old point, traveled by Bishop Ward in his youthful days. In the days of slavery it was the city of refuge for the slaves. No slave-holder or slave-seeker could ever take a slave from Montrose. Once reaching the highest point of the Allegheny mountains, in Montrose, he was safe. There were but two ways to ascend

that mountain, through a deep ravine, and if ever a slave-seeker went to the summit of the mountain to take a slave he never returned alive. On this mountain the Lord's house was established and our people from the south followed it and stayed there until the death of slavery. Then they went out the gates of Montrose. Consequently we have but few people left. The same we say of Waverly.

LOCK HAVEN CIRCUIT.

Rev. F. J. Askew, pastor. This mission circuit consists of two points, Jersey Shore and Lock Haven. On this circuit we have but very few people. Rev. Askew has done excellent work in gathering in what few people we have, and by his earnest labors and Christian zeal he has succeeded in bringing in some good white families, which has been a great help to the church. Brother Askew is a promising young man with a fair education. I would recommend that he be placed near some good school for a ministerial training while he is young in the ministry.

PHILLIPSBURG CIRCUIT.

Rev. R. M. Henderson, pastor. This work is in a good condition. The people are kind and generous, and do all they can to support the gospel. Curwensville is a part of the circuit. During the year Rev. Henderson has built a neat little chapel at a cost of about one thousand five hundred dollars. The white people in this town are very kind to our people, and are helping them out of debt in a good way. The church is now ready for dedication. Rev. Henderson has done well.

BEDFORD CIRCUIT.

Rev. S. Christian, pastor. This circuit has two points. Bedford and Everett. Rev. Christian has built a new church, which was greatly needed, in place of the old log church. We are worshiping in the basement, and are now on the standstill for want of money to complete the building. Everett is out of debt with a very nice little church. Rev. Christian has done a good work wherever he has been sent. We commend him to the favorable consideration of the bishop.

TYRONE MISSION.

Rev. C. Garner, pastor. This is a young mission. We have built a neat little church, and have the basement finished and worshiping in it. Rev. Garner has done a good work. The people are much encouraged with their new church. The people have done what they could, which was little. In consequence thereof the pastor has had to work at daily labor when he could get work. However, he has stayed

at his post and done his duty like a good soldier. The white people are very kind to our church and are standing by the work.

LEWISTOWN CIRCUIT.

Rev. F. J. Simmons, pastor. This circuit has two points. It is the oldest circuit in the Conference. The people have left both points, Lewistown and Huntingdon. The old members have died off, and the young people leave for better positions, and there is but few left to support the gospel. We have good church property in both Huntingdon and Lewistown, but both very much in debt. We have built and dedicated a new church at Huntingdon this year. Rev. Simmons has done the best he could. The people are not able to support a preacher properly.

MILTON CIRCUIT MISSION.

Rev. C. Holmes, pastor. This circuit is in a very poor condition. We have two churches and both paid for. Rev. B. Morgan was sent to this circuit last year, but the support being so poor and his family being sick in Ohio, he asked to be relieved; we granted his request and he returned to his home in Ohio. The circuit being vacant, we sent Rev. C. Holmes, a member of this Conference, who was left without work because there was none for him at the time. Rev. Holmes will make his report to this Conference. You can see from his report about what the circuit is.

PITTSTON MISSION.

This is a little mission about eight miles from Wilkes-Barre. Rev. T. Bynum was sent to this mission at the last Conference, but resigned the work on account of the charge not being able to support him, and was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference. Mr. Bynum giving up the charge —the charge not being able to support a minister—we put the mission in the charge of Rev. J. W. Jeffries to supply it the best he could, which he has done with satisfaction to both presiding elder and people.

BLOOMSBURG CIRCUIT.

Rev. H. Johnson, pastor. There are two points on this charge, Bloomsburg and Danville. Bloomsburg is improving under Rev. Johnson, but at Danville our people have gone away, except about twelve persons, and we have not enough people to keep up the church. The pastor is doing the best he can with this church and people.

This work is in the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference. Rev. J. W. Brown was sent to McConnellsburg and proceeded to do this work. The people gladly received him, but were unable to pay anything. Our people live in caves about five miles from McConnellsburg. A local preacher by the name of Rev. Cyrus Young has been preaching at this point this fall with some success.

Members	1,114
Probationers	100
Local preachers	21
Sabbath school scholars	1,143

Dollar money	$ 640 00
Pastors' support	7,483 52
Presiding Elder support	905 00
Educational	168 47
Missionary	198 77
Sabbath School Union and Church Extension	100 89
Mite Missionary	238 52
Building and repairs	7,358 99
Indebtedness of churches	8,264 90
Collected for home Sabbath school	819 21
Charitable purposes	626 45
Bible cause	12 90
Total amount	$18,680 83
Amount in excess of last year	$ 1,038 43

It is with very great pleasure we submit the above report for your consideration.

W. H. Brown, *Presiding Elder.*

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Dear Father and Brethren:—It is with a very deep feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His goodness toward us in prolonging our days and preserving our beings, and permitting us to meet again in annual session. I rejoice in the fact that I have been blessed with health and strength to continue the work assigned to me throughout the year.

Death has not broken into the ranks of the ministry of the Allegheny District, and the brethren are all here to answer to their names at the calling of the roll. The Allegheny Dis-

trict includes the greater part of Western Pennsylvania, extending from Uniontown on the southeast to Erie, Pa., and Olean, N. Y., on the northwest, a distance from one extreme to the other of more than three hundred miles. The spiritual condition of the churches in the district is good, a number of them having been visited during the year with very precious revivals. Financially, it has been a great year of struggling. Especially is this true of that portion situated in the valley of the Monongahela and Youghiogheny rivers, where business has been almost prostrated on account of low water, which has had the effect of almost suspending the work in the coal mines, in which many of our members are engaged. The following is a brief sketch of the condition of each charge.

BROWN CHAPEL, ALLEGHENY.

Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., pastor. He has succeeded wonderfully in his work. His faithfulness to his work commends itself to all who have witnessed it. A number of souls have been converted to God, and the church building has been beautified and presents an appearance very much improved. Dr. Bentley is a clear and forcible preacher, and a kind, affectionate pastor.

CHARTIERS, ALLEGHENY.

Under the administration of Rev. D. F. Caliman this church has been kept in a flourishing condition. Rev. Caliman has closed the work of four years with this church, and has endeared himself to the public; so that they regret that, according to the law regulating the limit of the pastorate in our church, he will be separated from them. The debt on the church has been reduced to a much smaller amount than it was in the beginning of the year.

SOUTHSIDE, PITTSBURG.

This is a church having a small membership and laboring under many disadvantages. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Brown, has labored faithfully in his charge, and his labors have been blest with a fair measure of success. Rev. Brown is an earnest and striving preacher, and impresses himself upon his people as being truly a man of God. He has painted the church inside very prettily, which adds much to its appearance.

M'KEESPORT.

A very good work has been performed in this place. The church was, at the beginning of the year, several feet below the street. It has been raised, and a beautiful lecture room, also a Sunday school room, has been built, while the main

auditorium has been very much improved. It was reopened on the fourth Sunday in September. Rev. H. G. Thomas has been faithful in the performance of his work, and deserves much credit for the manner in which he has managed the affairs of his church. West Newton is connected with McKeesport. There are only a few people in this town, but there are some who are faithful and true. The financial depression which has been felt all over the country has affected this place very seriously, many of the men belonging to our church having nothing to do all the year.

EAST AND WEST ELIZABETH.

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler has successfully closed a term of three years as pastor of these churches. They are both in good condition, and the pastor is held in high esteem by them.

MONONGAHELA.

A great work has been accomplished here. The church, which has been built since 1871, has been handsomely remodeled this year at a cost of $1,450. This amount has been paid except about $300. The church owes about $250 less than it did in the beginning of the year. Some of the money raised had to be used to pay some pressing debts aside from the payment of debts incurred by improvements made. Rev. W. H. Coston has worked untiringly, and the work that he has done will stand as a monument to his memory.

CHARLEROI.

During the year, by order of the Bishop, Bellevernon was detached from Charleroi, and Pike Run attached. Rev. G. W. Webster has labored faithfully and successfully, and has succeeded in reducing the debt against the church. A number of souls have been converted during the year.

BROWNSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. Morris, pastor. Bro. Morris has suffered seriously from an attack of sciatic rheumatism in the last two months. I am glad to say that the indications are that he has about recovered. Times have been very hard in Brownsville this year, but few of the men having steady work. Bro. Morris and his people have continued on in the work, and a good degree of success has crowned their efforts.

UNIONTOWN.

Rev. Israel Derrick was appointed to this charge last year, who, on account of ill health, resigned in the month of May. They were three months without a pastor. Rev. Goens was

appointed in July. He has done a good work. This church is deeply in debt, the amount being almost $6,000, but the people have a mind to work, and with their spirit of activity and the energy of the pastor, we have hope that the financial condition can be successfully and safely managed.

BELLEVERNON.

Rev. J. W. Brown has been serving this congregation about two months. The church is in good condition.

BRIDGEWATER AND SEWICKLEY.

These churches, under the able administration of Rev. J. J. Norris, are in good condition. Brother Norris has been assisted by Rev. J. E. Morris at Sewickley, who has been for about six months, during the necessary absence of the pastor, at Bridgewater. Rev. Norris and his people are in harmony with each other, and the churches are moving on.

NEW BRIGHTON, PA.

During the year a very beautiful church has been built in this place at a cost of $1,650. The church is a two-story frame building, having comfortable rooms on the first floor, and a very neat audience room above. Rev. I. B. Till is pastor, and under his able ministry the congregation has been well cared for, and he has shown himself to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

MEADVILLE.

This church has had a year of prosperity under the pastoral care of Rev. Price A. Scott. Bro. Scott is a young man with a liberal education and full of zeal, and is much loved and respected by his congregation.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. Richard Brown, pastor. Rev. Brown and his people have worked successfully together, and all are pleased to say that Brother Brown has accomplished a good work, and is highly respected by the congregation and the people of the town.

ERIE.

Our church in Erie is small, and the membership is few in numbers. The colored people are divided, their choice of denominations being scattered in nearly every church in the city. Brother West is a worthy young man, and has stood side by side with the other pastors of the city. The Christian Endeavorers of the city honored him by electing him to represent them in the great convention held in the city of Boston in July.

BRADFORD AND OLEAN.

These churches have had a year of great prosperity under the pastoral care of Rev. G. G. Skinner. The congregations have been enlarged and the interests of the churches strengthened. Brother Skinner is held in high estimation by the people in both places.

OIL CITY AND TITUSVILLE.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, one of the most reliable men in the Conference, who has never known a failure, has met with good success in both churches. Several families have moved from his church to other places, but the work goes on and the people are encouraged.

BELLEVUE.

Rev. Julius Page has been serving this place for two years, and he has supported himself by his own labor and served the congregation quite efficiently as pastor. There are a number of colored people in Bellevue, and with proper care it will no doubt become a place of considerable strength.

CONCLUSION.

I return my thanks to the ministers in the district for the many acts of kindness and courtesies extended to me. I am glad to say that there has not been a jar between the pastors and the presiding elders. I assure you, brethren, that you have a very warm place in my heart.

I thank the people of the district for their hospitality shown me during the year. May God's rich blessing rest upon both pastor and people.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Dollar Money	$ 575 10
Pastors' Support	5,387 75
Presiding Elders' Support	983 25
Missionary	118 46
Mite Missionary	255 75
Educational Purposes	178 97
For All Purposes	$16,205 76

Number of Members	1,224
" " Probationers	63
" " Sunday Schools	23
" " Sunday School Scholars	1,385
" " Teachers	129
" " Conversions	113
" " Churches Built	1
" " Churches Rebuilt	1

CORNELIUS ASBURY, *Presiding Elder.*

WHEELING DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We come now to the very pleasant duty of submitting this, our Third Annual Report, for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration. God, in His wise and tender providence, has shown much mercy toward the ministerial representatives of this district; not one hath fallen from the ranks this year (answering the roll call above). Yes, every one of the brethren that took up the line of march assigned to them at the last Conference seemed to have realized that marching must be done. Therefore, they have continued in the work against whatever did betide, with winter's biting, chilly blast, or summer's burning heat. Oh, the winterish storms through which they have traveled, and summer's sultry fire! Is it not truly a mercy that none have fallen? When we think of the sacrifices and burdens borne by the missionaries of this district, often without the means to make life what it should be; poor, and suffering the hardships of mountain travel, yet faithful to trust and duty; traversing the lonely interior, amid hills, mountains and deep valleys, doubtless engaged while on the journey in meditation to God, which, alone, brings satisfaction and relief under such trying circumstances; to know that we are about our Master's work, and that He is pleased, affords comfort. The success of the labors in this field we propose to relate by taking up the most distant portion of the work from the seat of this Conference.

BOONE MISSION, W. VA.

Bro. Moore was appointed to this mission, and, for some reason we know not of, he failed to enter upon the charge. Bro. Cooper took the oversight of the churches until, through exposure by travel during the hard winter in the mountains, he contracted cold and left for home, since which time, it is rumored, he has died. The churches, though, have gotten along well, and have had many converts. We asked the brethren to send a report to this Conference.

CHARLESTON MISSION, W. VA.

Bro. Harry J. Williams was appointed to this mission, but failed to go, setting forth the want of means as a reason. Why, we know that one appointed to Charleston ought to have money to begin the work there, as the people have a very high idea of our church; so that the missionary ought to sustain a financial character until the church would be organized into running order. It could hardly be expected, under the present state of affairs, in a city like Chaleston for a

minister to meet his boarding and other necessaries of life without money. The outlook for our church would be excellent with some means. The young people are calling for us, the lawyers say come, and many others we have interviewed on the matter. Charleston has a large population of unconverted people.

PARKERSBURG STATION, W. VA.

J. W. Saunders, pastor. This church still struggles under financial difficulties. Though the pastor this year has labored successfully while odds have been against him, yet by the help of God he has succeeded in saving the property from sale, though it was advertised. With the aid of Sisters Jones, Smith and others the property has thus far been saved, but we still are of the opinion that unless they receive considerable aid from other sources outside of their community, the property will finally go from them. A church with over two thousand dollars of a debt, with only about twenty-eight members (and every church in the city deeply in debt,) and damaged by the nitro-glycerine explosion that occurred there lately, the brother has done praiseworthy service in raising the amount he has reported here. Raised for all purposes, $428.75.

CLARKSBURG MISSION, W. VA.

W. H. Pride, pastor. This people are now worshiping in a new brick church, about completed, and built this Conference year by the present pastor, who, we think, deserves great credit and many thanks from the Bishop and Conference for his zeal and hard work in thus getting means sufficient to build such a beautiful chapel to the glory of God and credit of our people in West Virginia, and also succeeding in thus arranging his money matters that by sacrifice, pluck and push the members and friends can easily carry the debt of this church. Raised for all purposes, $1,681.36.

WESTON MISSION, W. VA.

Milo S. Jones, pastor. This mission, part of which lies back in the mountains, has required much hard work on the part of the present pastor to make his living a success. Sutton, in Braxton county, is where he is pushing forward and trying to build a church. Some five thousand feet of lumber has been cut and sawed, all of which he carried from the mill and piled up to dry for use in building. Bro. Jones has had hard, practical experience this year in this work, yet he seemed to stand to his post like a man of God, without complaint. He has paid for the lumber, and now is arranging matters for securing the lot upon which to build. We still re-

main in hope for Weston, that the well begun work there might continue. Raised for all purposes, $416.20.

BEVERLY MISSION, W. VA.

Elijah Bazier, pastor. This mission, at the beginning of this Conference year, was without a membership or an organized church. No members, no church. But Bro. Bazier went to work and held revival meetings at four points, Roaring Creek, Beverly, Elkins and Coketon.

At Roaring Creek he has built a church, quite comfortable, at a cost of three hundred and sixty dollars, and paid for it, and has a membership of twelve.

At Beverly he had over forty converts, out of which a church was organized, a lot purchased, and when we last visited this point, the carpenters were at work on the building. It was understood that so far everything was paid for.

At Elkins his meeting has resulted in twenty-four converts and a church organized and doing well. They are looking to the purchase of a property at this place that has been offered for sale.

At Coketon the revival held resulted in thirty-four conversions, a church organized, and the settlement of an old church property dispute which, it was found by the pastor, to belong to our connection by deed, against whatever might be said to the contrary. This property he repaired.

We have now on this mission entire over one hundred members, two churches built, one repaired and the fourth a proposition for; also four Sunday schools. Bro. Bazier has worked up, organized and taught the first day school for our children that was ever held in Beverly, Randolph county, W. Va. He has also opened day schools at Roaring Creek and Elkins, W. Va. Religiously and educationally, he has carried several counties for God and the race. Raised for all purposes, $1,017.75.

PHILLIPPI MISSION, W. VA.

J. W. Amiss, pastor. T. A. J. West was appointed to this mission but failed to go. We appointed J. W. Amiss, of Grafton, W. Va., but he has not been able to do anything for the work on account of a sick family. It will be required of anyone going on this work to make great sacrifices unto the Lord. They want a minister there.

MORGANTOWN MISSION, W. VA.

Eli McKnight, pastor. This mission has stood in need of a church for several years. Though the membership is quite

small, yet Bro. McKnight went to work on faith—without money—and, to our surprise, built a commodious church for the place and population which will ever reflect credit on him for his energy and tact to thus accomplish so much out of so little. Raised for all purposes, $324.72.

MANINGTON MISSION, W. VA.

Mrs. M. J. Ball was assigned to this work and refused to go, so we appointed M. C. Harris, of Clarksburg, W. Va. Nothing has been accomplished yet, and it lies open for future operation.

WHEELING STATION, W. VA.

R. H. Bumry, pastor. This church, under the administration of Bro. Bumry, has had constant success. Every effort in the church this year has proven to have been properly directed, so that the community at large have freely endorsed his labors and regard him as a Godsend to the church. The small-pox greatly affected his summer work, as the people became much excited over the scourge, so that if his financial report is not up to par we assure you that it is no fault of his. As the returns from this church will show money paid on interest, principal and general debt, too much cannot be said of the brother as a rising minister. He is forging fast toward the front rank of his calling as a splendid thinker and preacher. Raised for all purposes, $1,046.37.

WEST MIDDLETOWN, PA.

A. Smothers, pastor. This church has greatly felt the financial pressure of the times. Typhoid fever has interfered largely with the attendance at church, so that the pastor has had to fight against many discouragements, while grim want stared at him; but to his credit it may be said he has endured the cross. Here the foundation of the church has been repaired.

Wellsburg has not been able to reap the success they so much desired this year in building their church. Times are too close down there. Raised for all purposes, $393.55.

CANNONSBURG STATION, PA.

Carter Wright, pastor. The administration of Bro. Wright, as soon as he had moved and settled down to church work, was launched successfully and accumulated in strength until he has permanently effected an entire reform in every department of the church, parsonage and grounds. The rich aspect that every thing now wears since the improvements made by him has never before been known or seen during the history of this church. New paling fence, whitewashed, parsonage

painted decorations within and without, flower garden around the residence grounds, climbing vines with their long and pendant stems, reminding one of the cool and refreshing drink taken from the old oaken bucket that hung in the well. Such beauty and loveliness that abound upon this grand and precious old spot, the welcome and cordial reception accorded your humble servant, caused me to wish and express more than once: "Had we the Bishop here, how pleasant and happy we would make it for him, and to have him see the work accomplished."

We have found Bro. Wright to be one of the grandest and most noble Christian gentlemen we have ever had the fortune to meet, and for the future, wherever our lots shall be cast, we shall never forget to revere and honor this grand old Christian warrior. We take pleasure in soliciting the company of the Bishop after the close of this Conference, to go with us to Cannonsburg and be entertained at least one day and night (if no more time to spare) by the generous hospitalities and comforts coming from the dear and beloved church and pastor. Raised for all purposes, $1,189.53.

WAYNESBURG STATION, PA.

Daniel Newsom, pastor. Bro. Newsom has gotten along well this year. It seems that the people in general love him, and he is regarded as a strict, Christian gentleman, having made many friends where the church had some enemies. It has gained in credit under his pastoral direction, and he has moved along well with his officers, which had not been the case for some time. We are informed that in general he is an excellent preacher. We only trust, notwithstanding the hardness of the times in this town, that his financial report will be encouraging. Raised for all purposes, $912.20.

BLACKSVILLE CIRCUIT, W. VA.

L. A. Barber, pastor. This work was the discovery of Bro. T. A. J. West, and Bro. Barber is the second pastor in the field. He has done more for the church this year than for two years previous, having secured a lot and now has the heavy timbers on the ground for building a church. A great friend of ours, by the name of Mr. Worley, is Chairman of the Building Committee. He informed me as soon as everything was ready they would put up the church. So we are very confident of it being built. Mrs. Worley has proven to be a great worker in our Sabbath school. May the Good Lord spare their lives long for the good of His cause. Raised for all purposes, $168.95.

BURGETTSTOWN MISSION, PA.

C. H. Arnold, pastor. This mission is in great need. The pastor's family has been in bad health about all the year, the sickest and most distressed family we think we ever had occasion to call upon. His wife is afflicted with consumption, his daughter with dropsy, the baby sick and little girl poorly, and no one but a little boy and the father to do anything. Yet Bro. Arnold, in the midst of this great distress, still claimed that he would like work elsewhere. We verily believe, though, that his family is too sick to be moved at this time, so would recommend that he be left in the hands of the presiding elder, so that when his family shall have improved he could be given work at some other point.

WASHINGTON STATION, PA.

R. H. Morris, pastor. This charge has proven to be one of the richest in the district. The present pastor, though peculiar in many of his ways, has had one unbroken line of success for the last three years of his administration, both spiritual and financial. The manner of his exceeding and great success has been strange to us, we willingly admit. To look over the figures and see that the church at Washington for all purposes has raised during the last three years over six thousand dollars, these hard times, is truly an astonishing fact. The three services on quarterly meeting occasions are usually attended by about a thousand persons. Raised for all purposes this year, $2,045.98.

Raised for all purposes throughout the district, $9,625.46.

JOHN W. RILEY, *Presiding Elder.*

Minutes of Special Ordination Service.

WYLIE AVENUE A. M. E. CHURCH,

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct. 22d, 1895.

Pursuant to a special order of Conference at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the following services ensued, with Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., L. L. D., presiding:

Dr. C. Asbury, P. E., announced hymn 325: "Go, Preach My Gospel, Saith the Lord." After singing by the choir, Rev. J. W. Riley, P. E., led in an appropriate prayer. Singing by St. James choir.

Bishop Arnett chose for his text, II. Timothy, 2: 15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God," etc. After a very instructive and impressive introductory, comprising the significance and history of the Christian church, the Bishop eloquently, as he is wont to do, discussed the text from the following points:

1—Study Nature.

2—Study History.

3—Study Providence.

4—Study Man.

5—Study God.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., presented Bro. Chas. Addison, St. James, East End, before the altar, assisted by Revs. W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson, C. H. Brown and J. W. Jeffries, to be ordained to the office of Deacon, which was duly and solemnly done by Bishop Arnett.

Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., presented Bros. G. B. Knox and Sylvester Burrell* before the altar to be ordained to the office of Elders' Associates.

Revs. Dr. Asbury, I. B. Till, D. F. Caliman and I. N. Ross were reverently and impressively ordained Elders by the Bishop. After which the communion was administered to all the ministers present.

Visiting Ministers—Revs. R. Tanner, R. H. Morris, W. C. Goens, J. J. Norris, H. G. Thomas, Alex. Smothers, M. S. Jones, Addison Palmer, J. E. Morris.

The meeting closed by singing "Meet Me There."

DAVID F. CALIMAN, *Conference Secretary.*

Subject for Historical Literary Society, 1896: "The Bible. Its History and its Triumphs."

(NOTE.—Substitute this subject for the one on page 27.)

*At the close of the ordination service the corps of Sunday school teachers of Brown Chapel, Dr. Bentley, pastor, presented Rev. Burrell, through Bishop Arnett, four beautiful volumes upon Bible instruction, in token of their appreciation for faithful services rendered by him.

NOTE.—The vast audience present was thrilled by inspiring music rendered by the following choirs: East End, Pittsburg; Brown's Chapel, Allegheny and Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg. Selections were also sung by W. C. Goens and D. F. Caliman.

Minutes of the Electoral College.

The Seventh Session of the Electoral College of the Pittsburg Annual Conference met at Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa., August 7, 1895, at 11 o'clock A. M.

On motion J. E. Morris, of Chartiers Street, Allegheny City, Pa., was elected president, and L. H. Wright, of Cannonsburg, Pa., secretary. Carried.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., of Allegheny City, Pa.

Mr. C. Nimmey, of Greensburg, and Christopher Patterson, of Washington, were appointed as the committee to examine credentials.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the same of the following brethren found that they have been duly elected to represent their respective churches in the Electoral College:

1. Joseph E. Morrow, Allegheny City.
2. Lodric H. Wright, Cannonsburg.
3. Christopher Patterson. Washington.
4. G. Nimmey, Greensburg.

Owing to the very small representation from the churches, it was ordered by motion that the Electoral College adjourn to meet August 14, 1895, to elect delegates for the General Conference to meet at Wilmington, N. C., May, 1896.

SECOND SESSION.

The Electoral College met pursuant to adjournment August 14, 1895, at Wylie Avenue Church, Pittsburg, Pa., at 11 A. M., J. E. Morris, of Chartiers M. E. Church, Allegheny, in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Jas. H. Paige, of Brown's Chapel, Allegheny. Afterward the minutes of the previous session were read, and, by motion, approved.

The Committee on Credentials submitted an additional report, as follows:

5. Walter E. Billows, Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg.
6. Jas. H. Paige, Brown's Chapel. Allegheny.
7. Wm. Dunlap, West Middletown.
8. Chas. Hickey, Waynesburg.

The President stated that the object of the meeting was to elect two lay delegates and two alternates to the General Conference to be held at Willmington, N. C., May, 1896.

On motion Wm. Dunlap and Jas. H. Paige were appointed tellers.

Christopher Patterson and W. E. Billows were elected lay delegates, and L. H. Wright and Chas. Hickey alternates on first ballot.

The minutes were read and approved. The secretary was instructed to send minutes to the Pittsburg Annual Conference to be held at Wilkes-Barre, October, 1895.

On motion the College adjourned after singing doxology and benediction by Rev. D. F. Caliman.

Minutes of the Historical and Literary Society.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 12, 1895.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, president, called the society to order. The following reported that they had essays to read, viz.: W. H. Palmer, D. F. Caliman, R. Brown, S. P. West and C. H. Brown.

On motion W. C. Goens was elected as first judge; W. T. Anderson, second judge, and Rev. G. C. Sampson, third judge. By common consent, Rev. I. N. Ross was made timekeeper. Each essayist was allowed only twenty minutes.

Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D., read the first essay on the subject, "The Perils of the Republic, from a Christian Standpoint. The essay of Dr. Palmer was an able and eloquent effort, showing wide information well arranged.

Rev. D. F. Caliman read an able paper, full of thought and instruction.

Rev. Richard Brown read a very thoughtful paper.

Rev. S. P. West read a paper that showed good thought and careful preparation.

Rev. C. H. Brown read an interesting paper that was well received.

On motion by Dr. D. S. Bentley, that the brethren who read essays be requested to furnish them for publication in pamphlet form. Carried.

The Bishop made some very interesting remarks that were greatly appreciated by the society.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries brought forward his "Boys' Brigade" and introduced them to the Bishop, and put them through an interesting drill that was highly pleasing, and reflected great credit on Rev. J. W. Jeffries for training them. The Bishop

shook the hand of each boy of the "Brigade," and gave them some very important instructions, telling them, among other things, that education, goodness and usefulness made a true and great man.

Benediction by Bishop Arnett.

WILKES BARRE, PA., Oct. 14, 1895.

The Historical and Literary Society was reconvened by the Bishop. The secretary called the roll and the following brethren paid 50 cents dues: Bishop B. W. Arnett, W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, J. W. Riley, Benj. Wheeler, W. S. Lowry, C. Garner, J. W. Saunders, Cyrus Woodson, C. Wright, Richard Brown, H. Johnson, I. B. Till, R. H. Bumry, J. J. Norris, W. N. Young, G. G. Skinner, R. Tanner, H. A. Grant, Sandy Christian, S. C. Honesty, H. G. Thomas, G. C. Sampson, D. F. Caliman, J. M. Morris, C. H. Brown, I. N. Ross, D. S. Bentley, B. M. Henderson, P. A. Scott, A. E. Waldon, O. T. Davis, C. A. McGee, W. H. Coston, Daniel Newsom, G. W. Webster, W. H. Pride, J. W. Jeffries, T. J. Simmons, J. P. Stephens, T. A. J. West, M. S. Jones, 25 cents, S. P. West. E. B. McKnight, W. H. Palmer, Jesse Wallace. Total $22.25. Balance in treasury from last year, $7.25; making a grand total of $29.50.

On motion the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Rev. W. C. Goens read the report of the committee on prize essays, and awarded the first prize to C. H. Brown and second prize to D. F. Caliman.

The prizes of $15 were paid by the treasurer, leaving a balance of $14.50 in the hands of the treasurer.

BISHOP B. W. ARNETT, *President.*
I. B. TILL, *Vice President.*
C. H. BROWN, *Secretary.*

To the Bishop and Members of the Conference:

We, the judges appointed on prize essay contest, to whom was referred the decision as to the real merits of essay on the subject, "The Perils of the Republic from a Christian Standpoint, make the following report:

The contestants are W. H. Palmer, M. D., D. F. Caliman, Richard Brown, S. P. West and Charles H. Brown. We have examined the papers according to the usual method as given by the Bishop. We must confess, in our judgment, the essays

read were the best to which we have ever listened, and the judges desire to commend them for their scholarly productions. The following is our decision:

C. H. Brown, .95, (first prize.)
D. F. Caliman, .90, (second prize.)
S. P. West, .85.
W. H. Palmer, .84.
Richard Brown, .83.

W. C. Goens, B. D.,
W. T. Anderson, M. D.,
G. C. Sampson,
Committee.

Minutes of Preachers' Aid Society.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Saturday, Oct. 12, 1895.

The Preachers' Aid Society met in its regular annual session, with Rev. J. J. Norris, President, in the chair. The roll was called, and each member paid his annual dues—$1.00. (See Roll).

Rev. Wheeler made a statement regarding his illness during the year and his need of help. On motion of W. S. Lowry that the Society pay Rev. Wheeler twenty dollars to assist him, by collection. Rev. Sampson amended that the amount be taken from the treasury instead. The amendment was carried.

On motion of Rev. Ross all of the officers were re-elected, as follows: J. J. Norris, president; G. G. Skinner, vice president; G. C. Sampson, treasurer; J. W. Jeffries, secretary.

The question was raised as to the immediate relief of a member in distress. On motion of W. S. Lowry that at the death of a member the Executive Board pay to the widow, heir or heirs, the sum of one dollar per member from the treasury, the amount to be paid at the earliest convenience. An amendment to the motion by Rev. Bumry that if the brother be back in his dues that the amount of his arrears be deducted from the amount raised. The original motion and the amendment both prevailed.

The time having expired, the Preachers' Aid Society adjourned to meet Monday morning, October 14, at 9 o'clock. Receipts of the day, $41.00.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 14, 1895.

On motion of Rev. Lowry that if a brother failed to pay his assessment on the death of a brother, he shall not receive a benefit should he get sick. Motion prevailed.

On motion of Rev. Bentley that a committee of five be appointed to take the Constitution and By-Laws of the Preachers' Aid Society and revise them, presenting the same to the Society at the session of the next Conference. Committee, Revs. Bentley, Ross, Brown and Bumry.

On motion of Rev. Ross that the members who have not paid the assessment be notified to pay within thirty days from date, or they will be considered not in good standing. Carried.

The treasurer submitted his report, and on motion of Rev. Ross it was received.

On motion of Rev. Ross that a note be fixed up so as to loan Rev. S. Christian $20.00. The motion was referred to the Executive Board.

On motion the Society adjourned to meet at Washington, Pa., at the Conference session.

Each member paid the death assessment of Rev. D. J. Johnson. (See Death Roll). Amount of assessment, $38.50.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That on the death of any member of the Preachers' Aid Society, the Executive Committee, on receiving notice of the same, shall order the immediate payment of $1.00 per capita to the legal heirs, and the secretary shall notify each member to forward to him $1.00 within 30 days. On receiving the same the secretary shall forward the amount to the treasurer. And be it further

Resolved, That any brother failing to pay the same within the time mentioned shall be fined 25 cents.

WILKES-BARRE, Oct. 14, 1895.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Permit me to make the following report as treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society:

This year has not been free from sickness and death, as has other years. On the 6th day of June, 1895, the cold hand of death claimed our beloved brother and co-worker, Rev. David J. Johnson, after a long and serious illness, leaving behind him a beloved wife, Sister Jennett Johnson, and

four children, with ourselves, to mourn his loss. I also received intelligence of the illness of Bro. J. M. Morris, to whom I sent $15 00 by order of the Executive Board, Revs. I. N. Ross, D. S. Bentley and W. S. Lowry, secretary. I received this notice September 13th, and on the 14th I forwarded to him a draft for the same, and hold his receipt. Since coming here I have received orders from the Board to pay to Rev. Benj. Wheeler $10.00, who was ill for five weeks. We praise God for his recovery. Also, an order for $8.00 for Rev. Alex. Smothers, who was ill for four weeks. We praise God for his recovery, also.

G. C. Sampson.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Paid out for sickness—		
To Rev. J. M. Morris	$ 15 00	
To Rev. Benj. Wheeler	10 00	
To Rev. Alex. Smothers	8 00	
		$ 33 00
Paid out for death—		
To Rev. David J. Johnson		$ 40 00
Total for sickness and death		$ 73 00
In bank and on hand at last report	$185 93	
Received from dues	43 00	
Death dues	40 00	
Total received		$268 93
Paid out		73 00
Balance in hand		$195 93

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Temperance.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 10, 1895.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

Dear Brethren:—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit our report:

We all must admit that the evils of intemperance are great, and there are responsibilities resting on the present generation to stay its progress. No one is exempt from responsibility. It is beyond pen to write, or tongue to express, or mind to conceive the evils of intemperance. We see and read of

the baneful evils daily. Wrecks upon wrecks come and pass away before us like a great drama. Some are wounded, and some lie as victims before the captor, death. We must not shut our eyes to this truth and say as the great statesman, Sir John Patrick, "All is peace," while death lies at our doors and homes are crumbling to dust. Mark well our responsibilities toward our fellow creatures.

> "Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
> Like a swift flying meteor; a fast-flying cloud,
> A flash of the lightning, a break of the waves,
> Man passes from life to his rest in the grave,

passing by human wrecks without notice.

It behooves us to care for the dying and rescue the perishing. Watchman, what of the night?

We are convinced that all fermented liquor, in any form, is destructive to the human constitution. Intoxication, as all authorities will agree, is the great cause of many cases of mental degeneracy in the unfortunate offspring of drunkards. They inherit the fatal tendencies, and feel a craving for the very beverage which has acted as poisons on their system from the commencement of their being.

We feel confident that all good men and women who desire the suppression of this evil scourge of the nation will do all in their power to banish the curse from our land. The chief work of temperance reform must be done by persons who believe in the principles of total abstinence from the use of alcohol as a beverage, and include all intoxicating liquors, whether it be wine, beer or ardent spirits. The only difference between them, as now used, is in quantity and not in effect. Alcohol is injurious to society socially, morally, religiously, mentally and financially, and the question that confronts us is whether it is possible to abolish the traffic by moral suasion, by force of law, or by both.

The Christian church must help to settle it. She has the power to do so. Intemperance is one of our greatest national sins. The saloon is the chief source of all drunkenness. In them will be found associations embracing every species of moral corruption. It is degrading and paralyzing to the energies of some of our best men and women, and diffusing the deadly fangs through the veins of the best blood of our country. The word of God pronounces woe to the drunkard and to them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink.

We are glad to note that the church is working through her temperance societies and literature to banish the giant evil of intemperance from our land. It is molding sentiment, and her influence must be felt in the suffrage of the people.

In treating this subject in its broadest sense, it includes not only the use of intoxicants, but also tobacco, opium and snuff, and all nicotine substances, which degrade the mental, moral and physical nature of man. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as ministers of the gospel, do all in our power to stay the progress of this evil. And be it further

Resolved, That we will give our hearty support to the cause of temperance and those engaged in the temperance work, to discourage and abolish the use of alcohol as a beverage, and all other intoxicating drinks.

Rev. I. N. Ross, Chairman,
R. Brown,
S. Christian,
D. F. Caliman,
C. Wright,
Committee.

Committee on Bible Cause.

To the Bishop and Members of the Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the Pittsburg Conference, convened at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:

We, the Committee on Bible Cause, submit the following:

"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." (Is. 11:9).

Seven hundred and forty years previous to the incarnation of Christ it was predicted that there should be great peace and tranquility under His government. This is an explication of what was prophesied in chapter 9:6: "He shall be the prince of peace." Peace signifies unity, concord, safety and security.

In these figurative expressions are promised that the most fierce and furious dispositions shall have their tempers reformed by grace and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and shall live in love with the weakest. "They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," saith the Lord.

Christ, who is our peace, came to slay all enmity and bring in lasting friendship among His followers and all mankind. Then, when multitudes of all nations, people and tongues, are converted to the faith of Christ, there shall be one shep-

herd and one sheepfold, and Christ shall reign, whose right it is.

We are happy to say that prophesy is signally fulfilling, and Christianity is waxing stronger and stronger. The first Bible Society was organized in Philadelphia in 1808. The total number of volumes issued by the Society from its organization to the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1887, was 48,324,916.

A special effort has been made by the Society to supply the Uuited States with the Scriptures. In 1829 the Society instituted a general exploration of the States and Territories of the country with a view of supplying the destitute families with the Word of Life. It is believed that every accessible family in the more settled portions of the country was visited.

In the year 1856 a second effort of the same character was entered upon, resulting, to the nearest estimates, in the supply of 500,000 destitute families with the sacred volumes. The third general supply of the whole country was begun in 1866, which resulted in visiting 8,813,208 families who were found to be without the Word of God. It is the work of the Bible Society to place the Bible in every home and by every fireside. We are pleased to say in the work of Biblical distribution the Pittsburg Conference has contributed liberally. There has been a steady increase in finances since the spread of the Word of God. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Pittsburg Conference, preach a special sermon on the necessity of giving liberally to the Bible Cause.

ISHMAEL B. TILL, D. D.,
JOSHUA J. NORRIS,
ALEXANDER SMOTHERS,
Committee.

Committee on Missions.

WILKES-BARRE, Oct. 14, 1895.

Dear Bishop and Conference:

Your committee, to whom the subject of Missions was given, beg leave to make the following report:

We are pleased to state that commendable progress is being made in advancing the interests of the Missionary work in our grand old church, both Home and Foreign. The work of Christian Missions should fill the heart of every redeemed

child of God. It is very gratifying to learn that the cause of Christ is being pushed to every nook and corner of the territories of Sierra Leone and Liberia as best they can with the limited means in their reach. We now have seven appointments in Sierra Leone and fifteen in Liberia, twenty-two in all, four of which are to be supported.

What is needed is thorough organization of our forces under the loyal Christian women of our church. Many of them are already enthusiastically interested in the work; their hearts are in the right place.

What is wanted to make the Missionary work a greater success is to do away with the present system of having a Missionary secretary, and turn the work over to our women, (1) by dividing the work into districts corresponding to the Episcopal divisions, with the Bishop of that district at its head. (2) Let each district be given its special work, both Home and Foreign, with special territory for each, holding their own conventions and dispensing the monies under the advisement of the Bishop of that district.

Africa must be redeemed. She is stretching her hands out to God; and, praise His holy name, God in turn is stretching out His hands to her. He is ready to bring her forth out of the wilderness, as "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." We as a church must get ready, or bring a reproach upon the connection to which we belong.

We must take a far greater hand in the redemption of Africa. To give them Christ is to give them freedom. To give them freedom is to start them toward prosperity, success and fame, not only in Africa, but wherever the negro may be found.

The grand work of educating native girls and boys for mission work is a commendable step in the right direction. We have now at Wilberforce one girl and six boys, and we understand that our leading church at New York is educating an African boy for the Mission work. All praise be to them, and may God bless them.

With Rev. J. R. Frederick, Rev. A. S. Ridgel, presiding elders, and Rev. W. H. Heard, D. D., missionary superintendent, at the head of the work on African soil, with their silent forces at work, backed up with their uncompromising energies for God and the race, something must be done for our Fatherland.

I am very sorry that the statistical report has not come to our hands that we might give you the figures of our advancement financially this year. But for your encouragement I will say that Pittsburg Conference is the Banner Conference of the Third district, and, I think, of the connection. The

report given for the years 1894 and 1895, from July, '94, to July, '95, shows the Pittsburg and North Ohio Conferences very close together, raising over four hundred dollars each, while the Ohio fell far below. Yet, while we have said we are the Banner Conference, we have done nothing for which we should boast, when it is known that many of our churches in this Conference have no organization for either Home or Foreign work.

Brethren, let the watch word be "Organize ! Organize !" until all shall be in line for God and Africa.

The M. E. Church, with Chaplain McCabe at its head, have for their motto, "One Million for Missions." The Presbyterian churches also have taken upon themselves to raise a million. Can we not take a stand? God help the church to make their motto, "Fifty Thousand for Africa," and as much for Home. Ten cents per member will raise the $50,000 for Africa.

Knowing of the great work for missions being done by the Mite Missionary women of the Third Episcopal District, and believing that they deserve our praise and esteem, therefore be it

Resolved, That the delegates of the Pittsburg Conference to the General Conference, to assemble at Wilmington, N. C., in May, 1896, be instructed to use all of their energies to have the missionary work set off by itself and districted, and placed under the supervision of the loyal women of our church, with the Bishop of said district at its head; said districts to be composed of conferences and territory under each Bishop, as assigned by the General Conference.

Yours fraternally,

W. S. Lowry,
W. N. Young,
Geo. C. Sampson,
Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your Committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

Realizing that God has designed that the world shall be saved through the instrumentality of the church, and as the men and women who are to compose the future church are the Sunday school children of to-day, we find that the Sunday school sustains an important relation to the church; therefore, it is the duty of the church to promote and advance, to the full extent of its ability, every interest of the Sunday school.

Members of the church should not only send their children, but come themselves, and encourage the children by their presence and example; then, the older children would not leave the school as soon as they get large, thinking, as so many older ones so often say, that the Sunday school is only a place for chidren.

In looking over our Sunday school field, as reported from the three Sunday school conventions, we find a lively interest quite generally manifested throughout the bounds of the Conference. We note with pleasure, that, notwithstanding the disastrous fire that recently visited our beloved Sunday School Union building, at Nashville, Tenn., that everything is moving along grandly, and the Sunday school literature is coming out promptly, looking better than ever, and looking bright and cheerful in its new dress. All praise to Dr. C. S. Smith for his pluck, push and business talent in managing so grandly every interest of the Sunday School Union.

While seeing many things to encourage us in looking over the vast field, we find many hills of difficulty to be overcome, and much indifference on the part of those who should be deeply interested in this most important work of instructing and saving the children, that will call for grace, zeal and courage on the part of the ministerial heralds and warriors of God.

As our Lord said to His disciples: "Lift up your eyes and behold the fields." So should every earnest worker do likewise, and they will see that the fields are already white and ready to harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

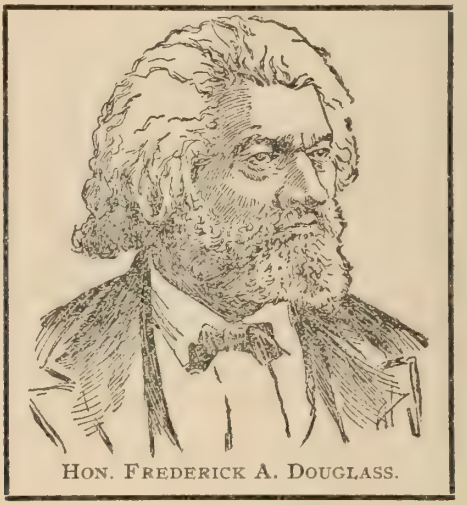
Richard Tanner,
R. M. Henderson,
C. H. Brown,
Committee.

In Memoriam.

To the Bishop and Members of the Conference:

We, your Committee on Memoirs, submit the following:

The surging billows of time roll, and with them are carried all things tangible. Truly, man that is born of woman has but a few days, compared with God's eternity, for in His sight a thousand years are as a tale that is told. In life's limited space, no man can become great unless the essential elements of greatness are within him. Illustrious characters have always graced the pages of history. Amid the world's greater struggles the demand for every emergency has always been met by men adequate to the task.



HON. FREDERICK A. DOUGLASS.

This is especially true with reference to the Hon. Frederick A. Douglass, who appeared on the scene at the most opportune period in the history of the world. As John the Baptist was the forerunner preparatory to the Christian era, even so was Frederick A. Douglass to the Emancipation Proclamation. But, unlike the former's speedy decrease, the latter increased more and more, and for three decades his pen and tongue were constantly employed in eloquent strains in defense of liberty and justice in behalf of his race.

Born in slavery, but too noble to be held in its shackles,

educated in the school of adversity, step by step he rose to eminence and renown, standing out as one of the most remarkable characters in the history of the world. His name, sterling ability and worth in behalf of civil and social reform are justly associated with the the most distinguished of recent times.

Frederick A. Douglass fulfilled his mission, glorified his maker, and in passing from the stage of action on the 20th day of February, 1895, covered his race with honor, as did Lincoln, Sumner, Grant, Garrison, Love, Joy and Phillips. But considering the depths from which he rose, he stands out as the greatest of them all. One of the most distinguishing features of this great man was his unswerving integrity and moral character.

WHEREAS, We condole the loss of the Hon. Frederick A. Douglass and bow in submission to the decree of an All Wise God,

Resolved, That we hold him up as a monument to the youth of the race as the embodiment of true manhood.

REV. DAVID J. JOHNSON.

Death has again visited our ranks and removed from our midst our brother, Rev. D. J. Johnson, who departed this life June 6th, 1895, leaving a sorrowing wife and four children. He was a faithful and earnest laborer in the vineyard of the Master, enduring the sufferings incident to an itinerant life. He was about 43 years old, a loving husband and affectionate father. He died in the triumph of living.

Resolved, That we share the loss sustained by his beloved family.

"LITTLE" KITTY BROWN

Was born in Warren, O., October 30, 1882. She came with her parents to this State about twelve years ago, and was a most hopeful and promising light in the family—the center around which the fondest affection of the family clustered. She went into decline in the month of September, 1894, and lingered along until the 27th of June, 1895, when she breathed her last.

Short was the life of this most fragrant rose, but sweet will be the reunion in the sweet bye and bye.

Resolved, That we the members of the Pittsburg Conference, tender to the family our heartfelt sympathy, and continue in prayer to God for the return of divine light and prosperity in the home.

All of which we most respectfully submit.

D. S. Bentley,
D. F. Caliman,
R. H. Morris, D. D.,
Alex. Smothers,
S. C. Honesty,
Committee.

Committee on Admissions.

Rev. Bishop and Members of Conference:

Your Committee on Admissions beg leave to make the following report:

The following brothers were before us, and we find them all very well equipped in the various studies:

Bro. Joseph E. Morris stood an average of 85 per cent.

Bro. Charles Butts an average of 80 per cent.

Bro. Elijah Bazier an average of 80 per cent.

Bro. Spencer Eaton an average of 75 per cent.

Bro. Page Douse, who came before us for Local Deacon, stood a good examination, and was recommended to Committee on First and Second Years' Studies.

We therefore recommend Bros. Joseph E. Morris, Charles Butts, Elijah Bazier and Spencer Eaton as qualified to enter the itinerancy, each of them agreeing to abide their time until they be called to active work.

Geo. C. Sampson,
John W. Riley,
I. N. Ross,
G. G. Skinner,
Ishmael B. Till,
Committee.

Committee on Education.

To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference:

We, your committee, to whom the subject of Education was submitted, beg leave to submit the following to your ecclesiastical body:

Education is an art; it might be called the Art of Arts. It is the groundwork of all sciences and scientific knowledge. It is the culture of the mind and its faculties—judgment, memory and imagination, the scope of which needs to be clear and comprehensive. It is a progressive work, indispensibly necessary in all matters pertaining to the civilization and elevation of a people or nation. No man can realize the true ideal of his own being in the world without an education. No man knows his Creator, God, without the aid of a divine revelation. Neither does any man know the end for which God created him without a Christian education. Therefore how vitally important is the subject of education. It necessarily must, in some way or other, be blended with the great work of man's redemption. Has not the civilized world discovered that the redemption and salvation of the world is through the Word, and the Word has been imputed to Christ the Son of God as being equal with God? Therefore, it is utterly impossible to understand the notions and thoughts of God in the great Book of Eternal Life without a practical knowledge of education. Christ said: "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, for these are they that testify of me." These words imply a cultured mind, preparation, memory and judgment, to enable the student to arrive at a correct conclusion or decision. The priest and the minister of the gospel have aroused public sentiment in every kingdom and republic of the civilized world, and also in many of the pagan nations, on this all-important subject of christian education. The respective churches of these kingdoms and republics have enrolled 206,588,206 rational beings seeking the great lighthouse of education.

The Church dates her work of education back to a period upward of 3,300 years, about 1,000 years before the oldest historians, viz., Herodotus and Thucydides. Herodotus and Thucydides were cotemporary with Ezra and Nehemiah, whose names are most prominent in sacred history. The learned Dr. Dehass, in his work of buried cities, spoke of 2,000 clay tablets, or clay books, unearthed and recovered from one of the ancient cities. These tablets were burnt brick with letters engraved on them. Each tablet was numbered and paged, and treats on the following subjects, viz.: history, poetry, arithmetic, astronomy and religion. In what

age of the world these learned authors lived, the most learned historians, even Rollens, fails to record.

Education and religion are inseparably joined together; wheresoever one is known to exist the other survives. Is not education intuitive? Apparently it is. It has been discovered wheresoever practical recitations of the respective sciences have been recited, audible, clear and distinct before and after birth of children, their little minds became impregnated with certain sciences, and as they grew up in the world their faculties exhibited marked traits of culture, and the sciences were easily handled. As the child receives material substances to strengthen the body, it also ought to receive intellectual food for the mind. It seldom fails to produce an intellectual giant.

The training our children receive in public schools is commendable in every particular, but if this work of instruction could have been begun two years sooner far more would have been the intellectual development of the child. Therefore the pride of the Church, if not the Race, is Wilberforce University. An institution only a little over a quarter of a century old, and today it has enrolled upward of 360 students, furnishing the highest course of study. Already that institution has given to the world some scholarly men and women, whose scholarship has been tested in the respective states wheresoever the applicants have been necessarily compelled to undergo a public examination with students and professors of other colleges for certain positions in life which called for a high grade of scholarship. Our students have entered no complaint in regard to the high standard of scholarship demanded, but received their certificates on merit. We have men and women whose names have been entered on the roll of civil service of these United States, who stood their examination, and today are holding positions of trust and honor. We feel proud of Wilberforce University, whose professors are second to no college or university in this country. Their scholarship as well as their training has confronted the intellectual world. In the great educational congress that convened in the city of Chicago, 1893, their work was highly commended. All honor to President S. T. Mitchell, L. L. D., and his corps of professors. Also to Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., Chancellor of said University, and Payne's Theological Seminary, which is indispensibly necessary to the church and also to the Race, where the highest standard of Christian Ethics, Greek Exegesis and Biblical Theology are daily taught. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of this Pittsburg Annual

Conference, pledge our fidelity to Wilberforce University and Payne's Theological Seminary. And be it further

Resolved, That we will aid said institutions by precept and example, financially and otherwise.

J. M. Morris,
H. G. Thomas,
R. H. Morris,
A. E. Waldon,
S. C. Honesty,
Committee.

Committee on First and Second Years' Studies.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 12, 1895.

"We, your Committee on First and Second Years' Studies, beg leave to submit our report:

We have examined the following brothers: J. W. Brown, Eli McKnight, T. J. Askew, Jesse Wallace, P. W. Douse, J. P. Paige and E. Bazier. We found them proficient in the First Year's Studies, and recommend that they be passed to Second.

Furthermore, we also recommend that P. W. Douse be ordained local Deacon, he having stood a good examination, and his church asking for the same.

Furthermore, we recommend that Jesse Wallace, a student of Wilberforce, be ordained to the office of Deacon.

All of which we respectfully submit.

B. Wheeler, *Pres.*
W. H. Brown,
W. H. Palmer, M. D., *Sec'y.*

Committee on Third and Fourth Years' Studies.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, your Committee on Third and Fourth Years' Studies, beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined Brothers J. W. Sanders, R. H. Bumry and S. P. West and they have stood a fair examination, as follows: Bro. J. W. Sanders, 75 per cent; R. H. Bumry, 85 per cent. and S. P. West, 95 per cent. We have also exam-

ined S. P. West in the Fourth Year's Studies, and he averaged 85 per cent. We, therefore, recommend that he be ordained an Elder. We further recommend that Brother Chas. Garner be also ordained an Elder.

All of which we submit for your consideration.

R. H. MORRIS,
W. S. LOWRY,
R. TANNER,
D. S. BENTLEY,
C. ASBURY,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Finances.

We, your Committee on Finances, most respectfully submit the following:

RECEIPTS.

By Dollar money	$1,467 01	
Missionary money	267 80	
Contingent money	104 11	
Total received by Committee for disbursement in Conference		$1,838 92
By Bible Cause money	$ 28 19	
Endowment money	48 59	
Mite Missionary money	51 06	
Sunday School Union money	7 04	
Money received for Payne's Theological Seminary	36 85	
Total received		$ 171 73
Grand total received		$2,010 65

DISBURSEMENTS TO DEPARTMENTS.

To Bible Cause	$ 28 19	
Endowment	43 51	
Mite Missionary	51 06	
Sunday School Union	7 04	
Payne's Theological Seminary	36 85	
Total paid to different departments		$ 166 65

DISBURSEMENTS OF DOLLAR MONEY.

To Financial Secretary	$ 789 47	
Church Extension Secretary	87 71	
Bishop B. W. Arnett, traveling expenses	30 00	
Bishop B. W. Arnett, for Contingency	20 00	

To Bishop B. W. Arnett, for Episcopal residence	50 00	
W. G. Ralph, Superannuated Preacher	50 00	
Clarissa West, widow	30 00	
Grace Offer, widow	25 00	
Annie E. Jackson, widow	25 00	
Mary E. Russell, widow, and two children	35 00	
Margaret Jones, widow, and child	30 00	
Margaret Evans, widow	25 00	
Fanny Cyus, widow	25 00	
Sister Watt, widow	25 00	
Martha Lacy, widow, and two children	35 00	
David Lewis, deceased, two children	10 00	
Joseph B. Jackson, deceased, two children	15 00	
Jenetta Johnson, widow, and three children	40 00	
Preachers' Aid Society, for money borrowed for Parkersburg Church	100 00	
Total		$1,447 18

DISBURSEMENTS OF MISSIONARY MONEY.

To Secretary of Home and Foreign Missionary Society	$ 97 90	
J. W. Riley, P. E.	20 00	
W. A. Pride	8 00	
J. W. Sanders	6 00	
Elijah Bazier	5 00	
Alexander Smothers	8 00	
L. A. Barber	8 00	
Charles Arnold	10 00	
M. S. Jones	8 00	
Eli McKnight	8 00	
O. T. Davis	10 00	
Sandy Christian	8 00	
T. J. Askew	4 00	
R. M. Henderson	8 00	
S. C. Honesty	4 00	
Israel Holmes	2 00	
Hutchinson Johnson	4 00	
B. Morgan	7 00	
Jesse P. Q. Wallace	5 00	
W. N. Young	4 00	
A. E. Waldon	4 00	
Charles Garner	10 00	
Julius Paige	5 00	
George W. Webster	5 00	
W. H. Coston	5 00	
T. J. Simmons	8 00	
Total		$ 274 90

DISBURSEMENTS OF CONTINGENT MONEY.

To J. W. Jeffries, for sundry expenses	$ 30 00	
J. C. Embey, General Manager Conference supplies	5 45	
D. F. Caliman, Conference Secretary	10 00	
C. H. Brown, Recording Secretary	5 00	

To Price A. Scott, Statistical Secretary	5 00	
D. F. Caliman for printing Conference Reports and hauling trunk	10 00	
J. W. Jeffries for gas used during Conference	3 00	
J. W. Jeffries, cab hire and rent on hall	7 50	
B. Wheeler for stamps and envelopes used this and last year	90	
Postoffice orders in sending money	84	
J. M. Morris, on account of sickness	5 00	
S. P. West, Missionary money	8 00	
Donated to the Payne Theological Seminary	25 00	
Mrs. Nelson, Sexton of Church	5 00	
Total		$ 120 69
Grand total		$2,009 42

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

By Dollar money	$1,467 01
Missionary money	267 80
Contingent money	104 11
Aggregate of other moneys	171 73
Grand total received	$2,010 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Financial Secretary	$ 789 47	
Church Extension Secretary	87 71	
Preachers, widows and orphans	570 00	
Missionary disbursed in Conference	274 90	
Contingent money disbursed	120 69	
Aggregate of other moneys disbursed	166 65	
Grand total disbursed		$2,009 42
Balance on hand		$ 1 23

I. N. Ross,
W. S. Lowry,
W. H. Brown,
P. A. Scott,
J. M. Morris,
J. W. Jeffries,
B. W. Wheeler,
Committee.

Report of Sunday-School Union.

NASHVILLE, TENN., October 1st, 1895.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN: —For many reasons I had fondly cherished the hope to pay a visit to the present session of your Conference. I need scarcely say that the fire which damaged our building and completely destroyed our printing plant, Sunday night, July 28th, 1895, prevents me from gratifying my desire to be with you.

We are hard at work restoring our damaged building. While we have a fair amount of insurance, our printing plant was not so well covered as might have been. We shall be the net loser of about $5,000 on this item. Everything else is well insured.

In restoring the building we shall make it stronger than it was before the fire. It will come out of the fiery furnrce clean, bright and strong.

There is no interruption in our business, as we have established temporary headquarters, and are fully prepared to fill all orders which may be sent us.

Contrary to reasonable expectation, it now seems almost certain that we shall have to go into a law suit to recover the insurance on our printing plant, office furniture and fixtures, stock, and boiler and engine. The insurance companies have shown no disposition to settle with us, though the sixty days' time limit has expired. Of course, a law suit means expense and delay. I feel sure, however, that the Church will be perfectly willing to contest its rights in law rather than to quietly submit to the flagrant violation of contracts made with it by insurance companies.

Let no one be discouraged, but let everyone press forward to victory.

The amount of Children's Day Money received from the State of Pennsylvania for 1895 is $180.06.

Trusting that you will have a pleasant and harmonious session, and praying God's blessing upon each and all of you,

Fraternally,

C. S. SMITH.

Report of Board of Church Extension.

To the Bishops and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brethren, Greeting:—We have the honor to submit to your reverends this, the Third Summary Statement of the Department of Church Extension, for the year ending April 30th, 1895. I feel quite sure that all have had ample reason for appreciating the fact that the year just ended has been one of marked financial stringency, and hence one of great embarrassment to all phases of financial operations. Very many institutions, religious and otherwise, have most sorely realized this, I doubt not. Some in their decreased revenues, others in the marked shrinkage in the volume of business done, and others again in being forced to close down altogether their operations.

Viewed in the light of these facts, it might reasonably be supposed that this department of church work, being, as it is, dependent for its life and support upon a very poor and poorly paid people, would have suffered in common with other like institutions, and therefore have shown marked falling off in its receipts for the fiscal year. This, however, we are happy to state, has not been the case. But on the contrary, as it relates to the receipts from the regular sources of revenue, as for instance, the 10 per cent. of the 60 per cent. of the Dollar money, the 10 per cent. of the 40 per cent., the 50 per cent. of Children's Day and special collections, there has been an increase over any previous year.

At the close of the Fiscal year, May 3d, 1894, there was in the Treasury (in bank), $6,276.51.

Collected during the year, present, excluding the New Jersey Conference, which belongs to this Fiscal year, as follows:

From the 10 per cent. of the 60 per cent. of Dollar money	$ 5,087 67	
From the 10 per cent. of the 40 per cent. (from Conferences)	2,151 86	
From the 50 per cent. of Children's Day	3,231 83	
By special collections	109 84	
Return of loans	894 56	
Interest on loans	108 51	
Total receipts for the year		$11,581 95
Balance carried over from previous year		6,275 51
Grand total handled by the Board		$17,858 46

DISBURSEMENTS OF THE BOARD.

To 84 churches throughout the connection	$ 8,960 00	
The publishing house	750 00	
3 of our colleges	700 00	
Total loans and donations		$10,410 00
To books, stationery, expressage, telegrams, non-negotiable orders, etc	$ 102 88	
To postage stamps for office	27 92	
Stamps for Children's Day	51 33	
Printing and distributing programs and premiums for Children's Day	384 10	
Rent of office, $10 per month	120 00	
Traveling expenses of General Board	571 45	
" " of Secretary	293 90	
Printing 2,000 annual reports, letter heads, circulars, etc	54 29	
Clerical services for the year	18 64	
Loans	9,931 00	
Donations	479 00	
Grand total expended	$12,034 51	
Balance in Treasury at Board meeting	5,823 95	
Grand total		$17,858 46

ASSETS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Outstanding loans to churches	$12,857 95	
Schools and colleges	700 00	
Publishing house	310 00	
Sunday School Union	323 00	
Financial department	500 00	
Accrued interest on loans	705 89	
Office furniture	60 00	
Cash in Treasury at annual meeting	5,823 95	
Grand total assets		$21,281 29

Applications on file at the meeting of the Board, 108.	
Total amount asked for	$35,800 00
Funds on hand to meet this demand	5,823 95
The amount therefore necessary to meet these pressing demands in excess of the funds now available in round numbers is	30,000 00

The necessity, therefore, for a grand, united and vigorous effort of the whole Church is apparent; especially so when we remember that the A. M. E. churches and schools are paying into the coffers of other monetary institutions of this country, in interest alone on their mortgages and notes, upward of $50,000 per annum, without lessening their principal debt in the least, thus enriching others while literally impoverishing themselves. And beside this, in the majority of cases, especially in the great South and South-West, where the bulk of our people are, they are forced to pay from 8 per

cent. to 20 per cent. per annum for money, while the Church Extension Board furnishes all the funds at its command at 6 per cent. per annum, only asking a fair security for the church's money and prompt return of principal and interest as they fall due, to the end that the money may be more widely distributed to bless others.

Let the whole connection become awake to the importance of this work and a sense of its obligations, and each Church and Sunday School do its duty fully. It requires no prophet to see that in the next decade this department can be made one of the most potential factors in the development of African Methodism, both at home and abroad, within the Church.

With faith in God, therefore, and the people, we press toward the mark, feeling confident of success. Giving glory to God for the success of the past, and fully trusting Him for the future, I have the honor to be your obedient servant in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Master.

C. T. SHAFFER,
Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.
1821 Camac Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Statement of the Board of Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN—The following is a list of the returns from the Pittsburg Annual Conference, with the names of pastors and places, for the year ending September 10, 1895:

Rev.	R. Brown, Franklin	$ 1 50
	T. J. Simmons, Lewistown	81
	——— ———, Huntingdon	1 40
	R. M. Henderson, Phillipsburg	2 50
	J. Morgan, Bedford	1 00
	W. W. Young, Greensburg	1 00
	I. B. Till, New Brighton	1 00
	W. H. Webster, Bellevernon	1 01
	H. A. Grant, Bellefonte	4 00
	D. F. Caliman, Allegheny	2 35
	H. Johnson, Bloomsburg	1 77
	T. B. Brown, Pittston	25
	C. A. Jenkins, Uniontown	2 32
	S. Christian, Mt. Pisgah, Everett	1 00
	G. C. Sampson, Titusville	3 27
	D. Newsom, Waynesburg	2 69

C. A. McGee, Scranton	2 00
Wm. Asbury, Cannonsburg	50
——— ———, Thornton	———
J. M. Morris, Brownsville	2 50
G. M. Kiner, Bradford	2 40
G. W. Woodson, New Haven	2 50
G. Garner, Tyrone	2 15
J. W. Jeffries, Wilkes-Barre	2 33
R. H. Henderson, Curwensville	1 30
J. J. Morris, West Bridgewater	1 50
A. Smothers, West Middletown	2 50
C. Wright, Payne Chapel	5 84
C. Smith, Homestead	63
R. Tanner, Williamsport	4 64
R. H. Morris, Washington	6 10
H. Coston, Monongahela	67
Total	$64 83

Respectfully submitted.

C. T. SHAFFER, *Cor. Sec'y.*

Report of Financial Department.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
1535 N. W. FOURTEENTH ST.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October, 1895.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:—Grace, mercy and truth attend your deliberations. Greeting:

DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN—We have again the honor to submit for your consideration our Annual Report, hoping to meet your approval. We are pleased to say that the summer and fall conferences to date have considerably increased in their net collections of last year.

Notwithstanding the hardness of times and scarcity of money the past three years, our dollar collections are greater than in any previous three years in the history of the Department. This, we consider, is due to the faithfulness of our

ministers and their members. Facts, with figures, have been published in the *Christian Recorder*, and, knowing how familiar you all are with which is contained therein, we will not detain you with needless repetition.

Yours for the success of the work.

J. H. ARMSTRONG, *Financial Sec'y.*

Easter Day Collections—1894.

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

		Sunday School.	Church.
March 26,	R. C. Ransom, Cleveland, O.	$ 4 39	$ 20 61
27,	C. Wright, Uniontown, Pa.		13 00
	J. G. Singleton, Troy, O		3 00
	A. T. Nickles, VanWert, O.	1 10	
	S. C. Honesty, Bellefonte, Pa.		6 16
	R. M. Henderson, McKeesport, Pa.	1 51	2 57
	G. G. Skinner, Cannonsburg, Pa.		15 45
	H. H. Upthegrove, Easton, O.		2 20
	W. H. Lucas, Cadiz, O.	3 00	3 00
	R. Brown, New Brighton, Pa.		3 01
28,	J. H. Garner, Ironton, O.		3 00
	A. E. Waldon, Pittsburg, Pa.		3 05
	G. W. Maxwell, Steubenville, O.		12 00
	J. M. Wilkes, East Liverpool, O.		1 30
	J. M. Wilkes, Wellsville, O.		1 00
	H. A. Grant, Phillipsburg, Pa		4 70
	H. A. Grant, Curwensville, Pa.		2 20
	J. P. Stephens, London, O		6 00
	B. H. Lee, Newark, O.		7 75
	B. L. Simmons, S. N. Taylor, } Belfre, O.		2 11
	H. G. Thomas, B. F. Scott, } Homestead, Pa.	1 70	
	George Bundy, Salem, O.		1 40
	D. S. Moten, Jeffersonville, O		2 03
	D. S. Moten, South Charleston, O.		1 00
	W. H. Pride, Clarksburg, W. Va.		1 50
	J. J. Johnson, Wilmington, O.		13 00
29,	W. T. Artist, Smithfield, O.		1 36
	W. T. Artist, McIntyre.		1 66
	R. H. Morris, Washington, Pa		11 10
	W. T. Anderson, Lima, O.		7 50
	W. D. Mitchell, Marion, O.		3 00

		Sunday School.	Church.
March 30,	J. W. Lewis, Oxford, O.		1 00
	R. P. B. Wright, VanWert, O.		1 30
	C. E. Newsom, Gallipolis, O.		6 45
	P. Tolliver, Rendville, O.		6 00
April 1,	Wm. Polk, Jr., Lancaster, O.		2 57
	D. S. Bentley, Allegheny City, Pa.		28 30
	D. W. Butler, Wyoming, O.		3 25
	J. M. Ross, Youngstown, O.		6 00
	J. W. Young, New Richmond, O.		6 00
	G. W. Webster, Bridgewater, Pa.		3 20
	C. N. Woodson, New Haven, Pa.		5 01
	W. T. Newsom, Nelsonville, O.		2 90
	G. C. Sampson, Oil City, Pa.		13 00
	G. C. Sampson, Titusville, Pa.		6 27
	J. J. Norris, Altoona, Pa.		6 00
	J. M. Morris, Brownsville, Pa.		5 00
	J. S. Ferguson, Zanesville, O.	9 30	14 77
	H. H. Upthegrove, Glendale, O.		1 16
	D. F. Caliman, Charleroi, Pa.		14 00
7,	Oscar J. Scott, Delaware, O.		4 25
	N. M. Culpher, N. Lewisburg, O.		4 00
12,	H. W. Toney, Kenton, O.		2 10
	Jesse Henderson, Bellefontaine, O		2 00
	I. A. Collins, Springfield, O.		40 00
	S. P. West, Oil City, Pa.		3 50
	Wm. Boyd, Cedarville, O.		1 50
	A. Smith, West Middletown, O.		3 00
18,	N. M. Mitchell, Piqua, O.		1 29
	G. W. Priolean, Xenia, O		13 75
	Hattie Phillips, Pomeroy, O.		90
	B. Wheeler, Elizabethtown, Pa.		10 20
23,	C. A, McGee, Scranton, Pa.		8 00
26,	J. S. Ferguson, Zanesville, O.		30
May 14,	C. Bundy, Cincinnati, O.		44 00
	Totals	$21 90	$417 33
	Total for S. S. and Church for 1894		$438 33

Easter Day Collections—1895.

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT.

April 15,	J. H. Grant, Loudon, O.	$ 5 00
16,	H. P. Anderson, Cedarville, O.	1 60
	W. T. Anderson, Toledo, O.	5 50
	R. H. Morris, Washington, Pa.	15 00

April 16,	S. W. White, Cambridge, O.	1 25
	D. F. Caliman, Allegheny, Pa.	7 00
	Wm. Polk, Jr., Pomeroy, O.	2 25
	T. W. Woodson, Troy, O.	3 25
	Jackson Okey, Sandusky, O.	2 41
	C. H. Arnold, Burgettstown, Pa.	60
	H. H. Upthegrove, Mechanicsburg, O.	6 00
	A. B. Morton, Yellow Springs, O.	2 00
	John Dickerson, Mt. Vernon.	1 98
	G. W. Maxwell, Steubenville, O.	7 00
	W. T. Artist, Mt. Pleasant, O.	1 12
	W. T. Artist, Smithfield, O.	2 12
	R. Meredith, Middleport, O.	3 00
	C. Wright, Cannonsburg, Pa.	18 00
	W. J. Johnson, Columbus, O.	21 82
	J. W. Wilkes, East Liverpool, O.	2 15
	I. B. Till, New Brighton, Pa.	2 00
	J. S. Ferguson, Zanesville, O.	23 63
	J. W. Lewis, Oxford, O.	3 08
	Horace Talbert, Walnut Hills, O.	15 00
	H. A. Grant, Bellefonte, Pa.	13 80
	D. W. Butler, Lockland, O.	3 00
	J. W. Young, Frankfort, O.	3 00
	Daniel Newsom, Waynesburg, Pa.	6 27
	J. M. Ross, Youngtown, O.	8 34
	B. M. Carson, Cadiz, O.	5 00
	G. H. Graham, Greenfield, O.	1 26
	G. W. Mehite, Charleroi, Pa.	2 00
	G. G. Skinner, Bradford, Pa.	12 00
	Robert Jordon, Houtzdale, Pa.	2 00
	H. Johnson, Bloomsburg, Pa.	4 58
17,	W. D. Mitchell, Marion, O.	3 30
	J. H. Golden, C. Woodson past., Connellsv'le	7 00
	T. J. Simmons, Huntingdon, Pa.	1 25
	J. W. Gilmere. Cincinnati, O.	33 00
	T. E. Knox: Lancaster, O.	3 93
	J. M. Morris, Brownsville, Pa.	2 50
	C. A. McGee, Scranton, O.	5 00
	Charles Garner, Tyrone, Pa.	6 43
	Israel Derrick, Uniontown, Pa.	16 00
18,	P. Tolliver, Rendville, O.	2 80
	U. G. Leeper, New Richmond.	2 00
	S. J. Askin, Jersey Shore, Pa.	1 25
	G. C. Sampson, Titusville, Pa.	11 34
	G. C. Sampson, Oil City, Pa.	19 90
19,	W. W. Young, Greensburg, Pa.	1 00
	W. S. Lowry, Pittsburg, Pa.	7 00
	Alex. Mason, Norwalk, O.	1 75

April 19,	R. H. Bundy, Wheeling, W. Va	5 00
	H. W. Toney, Kenton, O	2 10
	Mrs. S. Strawder, Marietta, O	1 20
	I. N. Ross, Pittsburg, Pa	68 65
23,	J. D. Singleton, Eaton, O	6 05
	H. F. Fox, Canton, O	4 35
	B. H. Lee, Newark, O	6 00
24,	J. H. Jeffries, Wilkes-Barre, Pa	10 06
	W. T. Maxwell, Portsmouth	9 26
	B. Wheeler, Elizabeth, Pa	10 20
	S. C. Honesty, Braddock, Pa	5 00
	C. S. Gee, Columbus, O	8 00
	P. J. Blackburn, St. Clairsville, O	65
25,	D. S. Bentley, Allegheny, Pa	16 00
	A. W. Keckley, Warren, O	2 95
	Miss Lizzie Williams, Gallipolis, O	3 00
27,	L. W. White, Findlay, O	3 60
	Jesse Henderson, Middletown, O	1 15
	Jesse Henderson, Glendale, O	1 60
	Sandy Christian, Bedford, Pa	1 00
	C. H. Coleman, Bellaire, O	2 45
30,	J. A. Collins, Springfield, O	21 00
	John Mason, Bellefontaine, O	3 00
May 1,	A. Smothers, West Middletown, O	2 00
6,	G. H. Cotton, West Jefferson, O	3 70
10,	Richard Tanner, Williamsport, Pa	8 00
14,	J. J. Norris, West Bridgewater, Pa	6 00
16,	J. M. Tate, Maynesville, O	55
	N. M. Mitchell, Piqua, O	2 09
18,	Harvey Knox, Jamestown O	3 00
	Harvey Knox, Sunday School, Jamestown	3 00
20,	J. P. Maxwell, Wilberforce, O	7 47
	A. Brown, Franklin, Pa	1 05
	J. P. Wallace, Selma, O	1 50
25,	Wm. Byrd, Cleveland, O	2 00
June 20,	George Price, Dayton, O	10 00
October,	A. G. Palmer, Hamilton, O	5 59
	Total Collections for 1895	$587 68

Minutes of Missionary Society.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Oct. 13, 1895.

The Missionary Society met at the call of the Bishop and was called to order at 3:00 P. M.

On motion it was decided that Rev. S. P. West be unanimously chosen Secretary for another year.

On motion Rev. S. C. Honesty was elected Vice President.

On motion Rev. J. M. Morris was re-elected Treasurer.

The roll of the members was called, and each member responded by the payment of his dues.

On motion the Missionary Society adjourned.

BISHOP B. W. ARNETT, President.
REV. S. P. WEST, Secretary.

Report of Book Steward.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., October, 1895.

The Conference Book Steward submits the following report for the year ending October, 1895:

Number of minutes published		1,000
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:		
To Bishops and General Officers	35	
Presiding Elder John W. Riley	25	
Pastors	56	
Total free distribution		116
To CHURCHES—Pittsburg District	353	
Allegheny District	337	
Wheeling District	197	
Total		887
Total Distribution		1,003

Amount received for sale of minutes for Conference of 1893		$98 60
DISBURSEMENTS.		
To H. & W. H. Slep. Altoona, Pa., for printing Minutes for 1894	$90 15	
Expressage, hauling, etc	4 60	
Expressage of travel	3 50	
Total amount paid out		$98 25
Balance in hand		35
Collected for sale of Minutes for 1894		$99 40
Total amount in hand		$99 75

D. S. BENTLEY, D. D.,
109 James Street,
Allegheny City, Pa.

DOLLAR ROLL.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURG, PA.—I. N. ROSS, PASTOR.

Winfield Southern	$1 00	Willis Austin	$1 00
Daniel F Johnston	1 00	Gracie Offer	1 00
Mrs H Roy	1 00	B Mahoney	1 00
Mrs C V Washington	1 00	Wilson Palmer	1 00
Mrs Emma Arter	1 00	P R Vaugh	1 00
Amy Manley	1 00	Walter Miller	1 00
Jane Lovett	1 25	Stephen Cox	1 00
Mrs M Banks	1 00	Mrs Stephen Cox	1 00
Mrs S Bates	1 00	Elizabeth Hawkins	1 00
S J Austin	1 00	George B Knox	1 00
Joseph Finley	1 00	D A James	1 00
Mrs Sarah A Tanner	1 00	Lizzie R Gibson	1 00
Mrs Alice Hopkins	1 00	Anna M Bailey	1 00
Hampton Herbert	1 00	James H Hardy	1 00
Mrs Lettie Strange	1 00	John Howard	1 00
George A Egloud	1 00	J H Bealer	1 00
David Kennedy	1 00	Mrs J H Bealer	1 00
Mrs Philena Lucas	1 00	Mary Fields	1 00
Rebecca Aldrige	1 00	J W Hayes	1 00
Mary Dickson	1 00	Robert Pierce	1 00
A A Gould	1 00	Mrs Elizabeth Peck	1 00
David J Dinquid	1 00	Mrs M E Robinson	1 00
Mrs Gould	1 00	Mrs E Singleton	1 00
Miss Carrie B Coates	1 00	Page Douse	1 00
J W Coates	1 00	Taylor Aldrige	1 00
A L Billows	1 00	Thomas Ewell	1 00
Mrs M J Billows	1 00	Mrs R R Thompson	1 00
Florence Billows	1 00	Taylor Jones	1 00
C L Johnson	1 00	Robert Jackson	1 00
Mrs Nancy Thompson	1 00	F Hanks	1 00
Walter Billows	1 00	William Rodgers	1 00
A P Haliberton	1 00	W H Jones	1 00
Mrs J E Key Thomas	1 00	Sarah Palmer	1 00
Mrs A P Haliburton	1 00	Fannie Carter	1 00
Lecucil Tylar	1 00	Dr J P Golden	1 00
Samuel D Roach	1 00	Isadore E Thompson	1 00
A Winn	1 00	Samuel Golden	1 00
Mrs A Winn	1 00	Mrs Samuel Golden	1 00
Thomas R Roach	1 00	Mrs J P Golden	1 00
Indiana J Hall	1 00	Mrs Martha Reed	1 00
Mrs Hannah Carter	1 00	Wilford Holmes	1 00
Mrs Edward Winn	1 00	Mrs Mary F Southern	1 00
Dr Robert Brady	1 00	M J S Moles	1 50
Mary Jane Ditcher	1 00	Mr Gordan	1 00
Mrs Hannah Robinson	1 00	Joseph Evans	1 00
Mrs Lucy Knox	1 00	Moses Watson	1 00

J C Morton	$1 00
Mortimer Dimmey	1 00
Sophia Foggs	1 00
Margaret Wallace	1 00
George Taylor	1 00
Mrs George Taylor	1 00
Cornelia Jackson	1 00
Harris Coleman	1 00
David Merritts	1 00
Mrs Julia Merritts	1 00
Samuel Southern	1 00
Mrs David J Dinquid	1 00
Moses Ditcher	1 00
Mary E Still	1 00
Harry Kinner	1 00
Jane Grandison	1 00
Mary C Smith	1 00
William Punch	1 00
C M Palmer	1 00
Mrs Thomas Monroe	1 00
Mrs V Proctor	1 00
Mrs J W Coates	1 00
Mrs William Jones	1 00
Mrs C M Palmer	1 00
Josephine Baltimore	1 00
G W McDaniel	1 00
J M Dean	1 00
Mrs John Anderson	1 00
J D Lindsay	1 00
I H Backus	1 00
Thomas Monroe	1 00
Wright Beckett	1 00
James Cain	1 00
Elizabeth Hunter	1 00
Mrs Mary V Brady	1 00
D F Armstroug	1 00
Mrs J Palmer	1 00
Mrs L Googins	1 00
Mrs Hattie Murdoch	1 00
Mrs Carrie Ball	1 00
C A Sims	1 00
Mrs Mary Watson	$1 00
W H Martin	1 00
Martha Ramey	1 00
Mrs William Mason	1 00
Julia Logan	1 00
A Baltimore	1 00
Mr and Mrs Stanton	1 50
Katie Willard	1 00
Thomas Brooks	1 00
Mrs Rev I N Ross	1 00
Mrs Ida Lee	80
Mr Meyers	75
Mrs Meyers	75
J E Thompson	75
Abram Winn, Jr	75
Mattie Jones	75
Charles Long	50
Annie Herbert	50
Annie Hughes	50
Miss S B Mahoney	50
R R Thompson	50
Mrs C Beckett	50
H M Hargraves	50
Mrs Lavina Ball	50
Margaret Backus	50
Mrs J Gatewood	50
Sarah Ramsey	50
Sadie Campbell	50
Mrs E Randolph	50
Katie Ball	50
Kate E Wright	50
Josephine Gatewood	50
Lucy Austin	50
Lulu Lacy	50
Catherine Derry	50
W O H Ross	50
Martha R Ross	50
Aunt Mary Murray	50
Cash	6 20
Total	$165 00

ST. JAMES, EAST END, PITTSBURG, PA.—REV. W. W. LOWRY, PASTOR.

Levi Grason	$1 00
S A Croff	1 00
Samuel Branson	1 00
Ben Williams	1 00
Maurice Meredith	1 00
Bessie Carter	1 00
G W Grant	1 00
Bob Wheeler	1 00
Alice Scott	1 00
Alexander Kelley	1 00
Mary Grinage	1 00
Victoria Kelley	1 00
Caroline Fields	1 00
Florence Harden	1 00
Hester Williams	$1 00
Emma Scherow	1 00
Earlie Strowthers	1 00
Sarah Brown	1 00
George W Lockley	1 00
Emma B White	1 00
Martha Beasley	1 00
Rebecca Brown	1 00
Robert Beasley	1 00
Emma Wilson	1 00
Sophie Truly	1 00
Francis Justice	1 00
Mrs Tobias	1 00
Lizzie Deams	1 00

William Thompson	$1 00
Mary Adison	1 00
Maggie Fields	1 00
Mrs L A Jones	2 00
Hattie Solomon	1 00
Unknown man	1 00
Millie Nelson	1 00
Lida A Lowry	1 00
Ellen Banks	1 00
W A Legsby	1 00
Royal Wheeler	1 00
Thomas Steward	1 00
Josephine Ashfield	1 00
Charles Adison	1 00
U S G Justice	1 00
E E Obrient	1 00
Josephine Patience	1 00
Sarah Harden	1 00
Jane Anderson	1 00
Mary Obrient	1 00
Annie Branson	1 00
Daniel M Blair	1 00
Lucinda A Thompson	$1 00
George Bullet	1 00
Harriet Rody	50
Jane White	50
Miss Carrie D Harper	50
Amanda Branson	50
Mrs P Binmon	50
Gertrude Thompson	50
Laura Harden	50
Ella Thompson	50
Fannie Barks	50
Cora Barks	50
Annie Ransom	50
Paris Burley	50
Mrs L J Burley	50
Olivette Burley	50
Josephine Jackson	25
Sarah Thompson	25
Lila V Jackson	25
Total	$64 00

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.– RICHARD TANNER, PASTOR.

Willis Branson	$1 00
Perry Summers	1 00
Berkley Blue	1 00
Mary Willis	1 00
Annie Goans	1 00
James Willis	1 00
Louisa Blue	1 00
Mary Blue	1 00
Bella Blue	1 00
Elizabeth Bysant	1 00
Josephine Jones	1 00
Maria Wesley	1 00
Hannah Green	1 00
Sister Summers	1 00
Elizabeth O'Brien	1 00
Sarah T. Smith	1 00
Sister Hagan	1 00
Nancy Tanner	1 00
Nancy Peterson	1 00
Sarah White	1 00
Mamie Green	1 00
Caroline Williams	1 00
Elizabeth Hutchens	1 00
Victoria Branson	1 00
Sister Wagoner	1 00
Brother Anderson	1 00
Sarah Francis	1 00
Brother Alexander	1 00
Job Jones	1 00
Sister Jones	1 00
Brother Stephenson	1 00
Sister Stephenson	1 00
John H White	1 00
Alonzo Watson	$1 00
Sarah White	1 00
Sister Johnson	1 00
Sister Burns	1 00
Anna Fisher	1 00
David Blue	1 00
Charlotte Blue	1 00
Mary Blue	1 00
Sarah Jackson	1 00
John Brown	1 00
Anna White	1 00
Sister Watson	1 00
Sister Brooks	1 00
Joseph Jones	1 00
Jennie Fisher	1 00
Anna M White	1 00
Henry Newman	1 00
Hester Newman	1 00
Maggie Taylor	1 00
Mrs Lizzie Cross	1 00
Sister Alexander	1 00
Emma White	50
John White	50
Isabella Russell	50
Sister Hall	50
Etta Jones	50
Brother Wagoner	50
Lulu Tanner	50
Sister Dicken	50
Sister White	20
Total	$58 20

BELLEFONTE, PA.—HENRY A. GRANT, PASTOR.

Edward Overton	$1 00	Cecelia Mills	$1 00
Lucy Steward	1 00	Adaline Lawson	1 00
John Delige	1 00	Anna D Wilson	1 00
Margaret Powell	1 00	Matilda Dorsey	1 00
Maria Green	1 00	Junes White	1 00
Sarah Graham	1 00	Anna Brown	1 00
Peter Jones	1 00	Luther C Green	1 00
Florence Overton	1 00	Nettie Palmer	1 00
Mary Pennington	1 00	William Mills	1 00
George Brown	1 00	Mary Miller	1 00
Samuel Robinson	1 00	Martha Miller	1 00
Ella Snyder	1 00	Thamazine McDonald	1 00
Goens Thomas	1 00	Anna Steward	1 00
Clem Roberts	1 00	Katie Miller	1 00
Jennie Roberts	1 00	Rosie Johnson	1 00
Alfred Steward	1 00	Ella Thomas	50
Ella Steward	1 00	Julia White	50
Jeff Haden	1 00	Lelia White	50
Martha Haden	1 00	Emma Green	50
Louisa Dunlap	1 00	Caroline Monroe	50
W H Jackson	1 00	Angia Conrad	50
Benjamin Williams	1 00	Charles Green	50
Cecelia Williams	1 00	James Carter	50
Frank Barkesdale	1 00		
Maggie Valentine	1 00	Total	$45 00
Edward Delaware	1 00		

WILKES-BARRE, PA.—REV. J. W. JEFFRIES, PASTOR.

Thomas Robinson	$1 00	H J Patterson	$1 00
Jane Sharkey	1 00	William Mickens	1 00
Augustus Edison	1 00	Elizabeth Mickens	1 00
Adam Woodson	1 00	Samuel Norman	75
Martha Rasper	1 00	Mary Kinslow	50
John Logan	1 00	Clema Davis	50
Emeline Thomas	1 00	Hartnell Miller	50
Charles Wycoff	1 00	John Johnson	50
Lucrecia Wycoff	1 00	M B Brown	50
Mary Jane Smith	1 00	Elizabeth Jeffries	50
Clarissa Norman	1 00	Virginia Jeffries	50
Mary E Miller	1 00	Susan L Young	25
John Furman	1 00		
Melissa Powell	1 00	Total	$22 50
S Patterson	1 00		

ALTOONA, PA.—REV. J. P. STEPHENS, PASTOR.

Martha Stokes	$1 00	George W Green	$1 00
Anna Powell	1 00	W P Hooper	1 00
May Ukkerd	1 00	T B Shorter	1 00
Mary Ann Shorter	1 00	David E Sprankle	1 00
Mary A Wilson	1 00	David C Johnson	1 00
Saborah Worley	1 00	George Briscoe	1 00
Sophia Burris	1 00	William Nesbit	1 00
Maggie Paul	1 00	John H Ferguson	50
Eliza M Shorter	1 00	Two friends, each 25c	50
Belle J Daniels	1 00		
Aaron Powell	1 00	Total	$19 00

SCRANTON, PA.—REV. CHARLES M'GEE.

Virginia Thomas	$1 00	Fanny Hart	$1 00
N K Harris	1 00	Fanny Merten	1 00
Martha Harris	1 00	Cephis Scott	1 00
Priscilla West	1 00	Fanny Williams	1 00
Charles Plater	1 00	John Dorsey	1 00
James Foster	1 00	Samuel Howard	1 00
Anna Foster	1 00	Eli Ivory	1 00
Charles Johnson	1 00	S J Porter	1 00
Mary Johnson	1 00	Annie Lee	1 00
M B Howard	1 00	Emma Lee	1 00
Mamie Howard	1 00	Babe McGee	1 00
J P King	1 00	Ella Lane	50
William Porter	1 00	Anna Davis	50
A Porter	1 00	Maude Miller	50
Edward Nelson	1 00	Sadie Morton	50
Florence Lily	1 00	William E Dorsey	50
Edward Jackson	1 00	Harriet Howard	50
Gay McGee	1 00	Emma Smith	50
G N Brown	1 00	Lulu Dorsey	50
Maggie Crab	1 00	Lewis A McGee	25
Mamie Tinker	1 00	Cecelia McGee	25
Marshal Tinker	1 00	Walter Scott	25
Carrie Carney	1 00	Laura Plater	10
Clara Stackhouse	1 00	A friend	10
Peter Hart	1 00		
Margaret Evans	1 00	Total	$41 95

GREENSBURG, PA.—REV. W. YOUNG, PASTOR.

Jacob White	$1 00	William Nicholas	$ 50
Emma Hackney	1 00	Stephen Dorsey	50
Emory Stokes	1 00	James Monroe	50
Catharine Lupton	1 00	Milton Grant	50
John Muncie	1 00	Nannie Young	50
Vincent Stokes	1 00	Daniel Harris	35
Eliza Smith	1 00	George Thomas	30
A T Furgerson	1 00	Francis Layton	25
Ida Dorsey	1 00	Clara Dixon	25
Bertha Layton	1 00	Martha Deamos	25
William Young	1 00	John Young	25
Nannie Bisley	1 00	Jessie M McAteer	25
W S Hamlin	1 00	Mary Fisher	25
Emma Young	1 00	Lewis Fisher	25
George Johnson	1 00	James Butler	25
Emma Dee Young	1 00	Jackson Brock	25
Mary Stokes	50	Fannie Preston	25
James B Grant	50	Golden Young	25
Mrs W P Brown	50		
Edward Crawford	50	Total	$24 40
Kate Anderson	50		

NEW HAVEN, PA.—C. N. WOODSON, PASTOR.

Hattie Wallace	$1 00	Maggie Jones	$1 00
W Buchanan	1 00	Annie Washington	1 00
Annie Bucanan	1 00	Jennie Puller	1 00
Sandy McNeal	1 00	Lulu Hicks	1 00
Harriet Barker	1 00	Sarah Fox	1 00
E D Brown	1 00	Eliza Ferman	1 00

Della Woodson	1 00	Mary Lewis	50
J Brown	1 00	Alice Rhenbottom	50
Elizabeth Jones	1 00	E Bowman	50
D Bogas	1 00	A Brown	50
Hettie McNeal	1 00	George Rhenbottom	50
B Jones	1 00	Lydia Straten	50
Mary White	1 00	Georgie Carroll	50
B Puller	1 00	Rosa Poindexter	50
Mary Gordon	1 00	Hattie Buchanan	50
J Thompson	1 00	George Jackson	50
Emma War	1 00	Annie Jackson	50
Jonathan Fox	1 00	Wilhelmine Woodson	25
Elizabeth Ross	1 00	Leah Woodson	25
Spencer Eaton	1 00	W Walker	25
Mervena White	1 00	Wayman Woodson	25
Mattie Taylor	1 00		
Elsie Gardner	1 00	Total	$35 50

PHILIPSBURG, PA.—R. M. HENDERSON, PASTOR.

John Jones	$1 00	John Jackson	$ 50
Charles Carter	1 00	Mrs Elizabeth Only	50
Mrs Eliza Carter	1 00	Mrs Paton Roberson	50
Miss Jennie Paton	1 00	Mrs Martha Jackson	50
Mrs Ellen Garden	1 00	Riley Jackson	25
Walter Jackson	1 00	Eliza Onely	25
Seldon Pollard	1 00		
Mrs Katie Jackson	1 00	Total	$11 50
Lenonel Jackson	1 00		

CURWENSVILLE, PA.—R. M. HENDERSON, PASTOR.

Mrs Emma Wartson	$1 00	P H Were	$ 25
Rev L S Taylor	1 00	Miss Mary Harthorne	25
Mrs Lottie Jones	1 00	Miss Hattie Watson	15
Mrs Hettie Taylor	1 00		
Hunter Brock	1 00	Total	$6 65
Miss Sue Carl	1 00		

LOCK HAVEN, PA.—REV. F. J. ASKEW, PASTOR.

Lucinda M Stills	$1 00	Josephine Tyler	$ 50
Robert Butler	1 00	Jane Stephenson	50
Clara V Butler	1 00	Lucretia Jackson	50
Reynolds Brown	1 00	Albert Jackson	50
Peter D Brown	1 00	Lewis Prestell	50
Mary Brown	1 00	Lenora Smith	25
James Tyler	1 00	David Hamilton	25
Eliza Roberts	1 00	Johnny Tyler	5
George Dove	1 00		
John Roberts	50	Total	$12 55

JERSEY SHORE, PA.—REV. F. J. ASKEW, PASTOR.

Samuel Willsey	$1 00	Irene Malson	$ 50
Anna Willsey	1 00	Foster Marshall	50
Julia A Malson	1 00	Helen Malson	35
David Wilson	1 00	Lydin Carter	10
H W Carter	1 00	Susan Anderson	15
Edward Fortune	1 00		
Irene Askew	1 00	Total	$8 60

HUNTINGTON, PA.—T. S. SIMMONS, PASTOR.

M. Simmons	$1 00	Sarah F Keith	$ 50
Charles Slaughter	1 00	Mintie Murrells	25
Matilda J Baker	1 00	James Curry	25
John S Murrells	75		
Henrietta Murrells	80	Total	$5 25

LEWISTOWN, PA.—T. J. SIMMONS, PASTOR.

Anna E Dyer	$1 00	Jane Brown	$ 25
Martha J Biglow	1 00	Lucy Rhodes	25
Elizabeth Palmer	75	Martha Dasey	25
Aaron Vincent	50		
James Rods	50	Total	$5 00
Henrietta Vincent	50		

TYRONE, PA.—CHARLES GARNER, PASTOR.

Emily V Johnson	$1 00	George W Bryant	$1 00
Ella Taylor	1 00	C R Thompson	75
Nancy Plowden	1 00	Mrs Mary Garner	75
Julia M Garner	1 00	Thomas Brown	50
John P Thomas	1 00	George Robinson	25
Harriet Williams	1 00	A B Plowden	25
Fanny Burrell	1 00	Alfereta Molton	25
Glenna Jones	1 00	Catharine Jones	25
Lucy Miller	1 00		
Charles G Garner	1 00	Total	$14 00

MILTON, PA.—ISRAEL HOLMES, PASTOR.

Edward Carter	$1 00	John Bonds	$ 50
George Hector	1 00	Sister Susan Kennedy	50
George Henry	75		
Sister M Johnson	50	Total	$4 50
Sister Emma Collins	25		

BLOOMSBURG, PA.—REV. H. JOHNSON, PASTOR.

Hulda Brown	$1 00	E Harkins	$ 25
Rachel Henson	1 00		
Annie Guels	1 00	Total	$3 25

BRADDOCK, PA.—S. C. HONESTY, PASTOR.

Ida Lee	$1 00	H Boshell	$1 00
W M Davis	1 00	Maggie Logans	1 00
Sarah Clark	1 00	Mary L Ervin	1 00
Pauline Pogue	1 00	W H Washington	1 00
Bena Taylor	1 00	W Uckard	1 00
George Walker	1 00	Charles Murray	1 00
William Walker	1 00	Willis Togans	1 00
Robert Thompson	1 00	Annie Monroe	50
Henry Walker	1 00	Martha Staley	50
Thomas K Thompson	1 00	Mary Edwards	50
Sadie Patterson	1 00	Mary Yates	50
W W Jackson	1 00	Sarah Thompson	50
Lucy Walker	1 00	Martha Roy	50
Mary Overhall	1 00	Anna B Jackson	25
Henry Saunders	1 00		
Robert Clark	1 00	Total	$26 25

HOMESTEAD, PA.—REV. A. E. WALDON, PASTOR.

A Bell	$1 00	Emanuel E Randolph	$ 50
N J Parrish	1 00	Cora Johnson	50
B F Scott	1 00	Sarah C Steward	50
Harry Scott	1 00	Jennie Blake	50
Amos Wilkerson	1 00	Emanuel Randolph	50
Thomas Jackson	1 00	T A Clarke	50
Mr. Jones	1 00	Homer Johnson	25
William Walker	1 00	Lissie Byrons	25
Elizabeth Byrant	1 00	John Clarke	25
Mary Susan Jackson	1 00	Emma Cook	25
Nellie Beavley	1 00	Maggie Clarke	25
Lizzie Jackson	1 00	Jesse Jackson	25
Abraham Steward	50		
Monroe Blake	50	Total	$17 50

DUQUESNE, PA.—REV. A. E. WALDON, PASTOR.

William H Johnson	$1 00	Julia Streets	$ 50
Lulu Smith	1 00	Robert Hargrave	50
Columbus Duckett	1 00	Mattie Thomas	50
Harris Weaver	1 00	Robert Streets	50
Samuel Wilson	1 00	William Franklin	50
John Woods	1 00	Mary E Weaver	50
Thomas Weaver	1 00		
Melissa Holmes	1 00	Total	$11 00.

MONTROSE, PA.—O. T. DAVIS, PASTOR.

Nimrod Slaughter	$1 00	Jane Wilson	$1 00
P P Norris	1 00	Kittie Battle	1 00
G L Battle	1 00	G A Free	50
John Williams	1 00	Eliza Bovery	50
Esterline Slaughter	1 00		
Jane Norris	1 00	Total	$9 00

WAVERLY, PA.—O. T. DAVIS, PASTOR.

Elizabeth Thomas	$1 00	A T Davis	$1 00
P Bradley	1 00	Sarah Lee	1 00
Susan Baker	1 00	J Thomas	1 00
J R Johnson	1 00	Mary Norris	50
G A Johnson	1 00	Champy Sampson	25
G A Tillman	1 00		
E Parks	1 00	Total	$11 75
R Norris	1 00		

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

BROWN CHAPEL, ALLEGHENY, PA.—D. S. BENTLEY, PASTOR.

George W Cook	$1 00
W H Frazier	1 00
Mamie Thomas	1 00
Fannie H Bibbs	1 00
Hattie Smith	1 00
E M Sanders	1 00
Mrs R J Davis	1 00
Annie Carson	1 00
Edward Sherrow	1 00
Katie Speaks	1 00
Rachel A George	1 00
J T Dorkins	1 00
Mrs J T Dorkins	1 00
Charles Branson	1 00
R A Johnson	1 00
Robert McGuire	1 00
Alexander Perry	1 00
Sarah Stanton	1 00
Henrietta Jones	1 00
Nathan Peters	1 00
Adam Wilson	1 00
Sarah Catlin	1 00
Sarah A Bentley	1 00
Lucy Austin	1 00
Emma Moore	1 00
Thomas M Moore	1 00
Sylvester Burrell	1 00
Mary E Washington	1 00
Henry Jones	1 00
Florence Jones	1 00
Elizabeth Wilson	1 00
Mrs Wilber	1 00
Ruth Jones	1 00
Louisa Anthony	1 00
M A Johnson	1 00
John D Anthony	1 00
Louis Smith	1 00
Charles Swaney	1 00
Emma Thompson	1 00
M J Thomas	1 00
B Long	1 00
Rebecca Bushrod	1 00
Lucy Watson	1 00
John Clark	1 00
Sarah A Jackson	1 00
Sarah Letherick	1 00
Ella E Hollinsworth	1 00
Joseph H Smith	1 00
Mrs E J Cox	1 00
Alice Davis	1 00
Priscilla Crunkleton	1 00
Mary A Beal	1 00
Susan Johnson	1 00
William Smith	1 00
J H Paige	1 00
Luella Lane	$1 00
Louis Queen	1 00
Charles A Daring	1 00
Mason Washington	1 00
John L Jones	1 00
Amanda Brown	1 00
Sarah Clark	1 00
Jennie Paige	1 00
Mary F Pearson	1 00
William E Grayson	1 00
Mrs Frank Johnson	1 00
Israel Kelly	1 00
Laura Lewis	1 00
W H Barnum	1 00
Joseph K Crunkleton	1 00
D R Lee	1 00
Henry Bruce	1 00
Sarah J Smith	1 00
George A Bruce	1 00
Anna Lewis	1 00
Alverta Lewis	1 00
Margaret Wiley	50
Emma Dennis	50
Ella Kenner	50
Anna M Johnson	50
Charles Slofer	50
Nellie Miller	50
Annie Street	50
Mary E Roberts	50
Elizabeth Moore	50
Josie Cook	25
Edna Cook	25
Mrs Josephine Cook	50
Hattie Crunkleton	50
Ellen Smith	50
Emma Duffin	50
H D Pier	50
Mary Cramer	50
America Stewart	50
Charles Stewart	50
Ellen Patterson	50
Sarah Sterling	50
William Crunkleton	50
Carrie E Crunkleton	50
Josephine Reed	25
Louis E Harp	50
Eliza Brown	50
Louisa Snyder	50
Lillie C Washington	50
M C Jones	50
Emma Taylor	50
Corinthia Letherich	25
Total	$91 50

CHARTIERS STREET, ALLEGHENY—DAVID F. CALIMAN, PASTOR.

Joshua Frazier	$1 00	Pearl and George Smith	$1 00
Annie Delaney	1 00	Emmet Washington	1 00
Willie Brown	1 00	C T and Josie Carroll	1 00
Rebecca and James Shifer	1 00	Martha Diggs	1 00
John Short	1 00	Geo and Pauline Stephenson	1 00
Charles Savah	1 00	Hettie and Crawford Hardy	1 00
Phœbe Bell	1 00	Joseph and Nettie Richards	1 00
Lizzie and Daniel Dorsey	1 00	William Lucket	1 00
Madona and Rachel Woodyard	1 00	Della Young	1 00
Ida Richardson	1 00	Mary Cortnail	1 00
William and Cassie Lucas	1 00	Walker Stephenson	1 00
Rachel Shields	1 00	Mamie Shifer	1 00
Fannie and Charles Diggs	1 00	Mr Harvey	1 00
Wm Miner	1 00	Eliza and Sarah Greene	1 00
Sheppie and Esau Cop	1 00	Mary and Josh Ridgley	1 00
J Clifton	1 00	J C Webb, penman	1 00
M J Winters	1 00	Thomas Chambers	50
A Greenlief	1 00	Henry and Alice Boyd	50
Ellen and Charles Titus	1 00	Florence Brown	50
Myrtie Jefferson	1 00	Thomas Fields	50
Mary and George Dexter	1 00	John and Mary Gross	50
Lizzie Morrison	1 00	Homer Riley	50
Emma and J E Morris	1 00	Ed Dexter	50
Mary Tyler	1 00	Cyrus Bell	50
Katie and —— Fields	1 00	Charles Hammond	50
B Bradshaw	1 00	Johnnie Cox	50
Irena and Charles Hill	1 00	Emma Stephenson	50
Mary Williams	1 00	Allie Richardson	50
Dudley and Lydia Marshall	1 00	T J and Mary McDowell	50
Mamie Miner	1 00	Mary Goggins	50
L W Baltimore	1 00	Thomas Fields	50
Violet Burk	1 00	Mary Jackson	50
Amelia Peters	1 00	A friend	50
Laura and W H Robinson	1 00	Lizzie and Bertha Chambers	50
L V Jones	1 00	Sammie and Sally Taylor	50
Frank Pryor	1 00	Sarah Fry	50
Julia Ridgley	1 00	Total	$84 25
J L Jackson	1 00		

ELIZABETH, PA.—B. WHEELER, PASTOR.

Jane Martin	$1 00	Washington Simmons	$ 50
Laura Clark	1 00	Luke Davison	50
Maggie Norris	1 00	Maria Bryans	50
Mary Redman	1 00	Lillie Sanders	50
Newton Philips	1 00	Kate Martin	50
Hannah Davison	1 00	Anna M Wheeler	50
George McFarland	1 00	James Pangburn	50
F House	1 00	Annie Pangburn	50
Mary House	1 00	S L Pangburn	50
D B Scott	1 00	Rosa Pangburn	50
A W Scott	1 00	Harriet Sanders	50
Philena Taulton	1 00	Annie McFarland	50
Josephine Holmes	1 00	Ella Simmons	25
Diana Holmes	1 00	Rebecca Pangburn	25
Amanda Holmes	1 00	Dorcas Pangburn	25
A J Batch	1 00	Sallie Pangburn	25
A Martin	1 00	Ida Holmes	20

James W Batch	1 00	Lida McFarland	10
Hester Harrison	1 00	Elizabeth McFarland	10
Alice Cochran	1 00	Fredrick McFarland	10
Elizabeth Wheeler	1 00	Fanny McFarland	10
May Truman	1 00	Wylie Pangburn	10
T J Davison	1 00	Ruth Davison	10
Harrison Berry	75	Tommie Davison	5
Emma Davison	50	Hannah Davison	5
Armada Simmons	50	John Pangburn	5
Edwin Holmes	50		
Eli Bryans	50	Total	$33 70
Workman Simmons	50		

WEST ELIZABETH, PA.—B. WHEELER, PASTOR.

William Johnson	$1 00	Mary Brown	$ 50
Mary Johnson	1 00	James Anderson	50
L Randolph	1 00	Alvira Anderson	50
Monroe Randolph	1 00	C H Armstrong	50
Hattie Randolph	1 00	Melissa Armstrong	50
Sarah Jones	50		
Effie Randolph	50	Total	$9 00
Lulu Scott	50		

NEW BRIGHTON, PA.—ISHMAEL B. TILL, PASTOR.

Maggie Washington	$1 00	Grace Love	$1 00
Eliza Cross	1 00	Ida Rose	1 00
Anthony Logan	1 00	Charles Rose	1 00
James Cross	1 00	James Stewart	50
Amelia Jackson	1 00	Mame Webster	50
Ida Jackson	1 00	Amanda Well	50
Viney Stewart	1 00	Eva Edwards	50
Katie Flenoy	1 00	Eva Porter	50
Anna Webb	1 00	Emma Wilson	50
James Bluien	1 00	Mary Simms	50
Anna Bruien	1 00	Anna Sanders	50
Charlotte Bruien	1 00	Robert Brown	25
Elizabeth Dawson	1 00	May Webb	25
Louisa Jackson	1 00	Harry Webster	25
Albert Jackson	1 00	Mary Jackson	25
James Webster	1 00	Lizzie Webster	25
Elizabeth Webster	1 00		
Edward Williams	1 00	Total	$27 25
Mame Early	1 00		

BROWNSVILLE, PA.—REV. J. M. MORRIS, PASTOR.

Johnnie H Yates	$1 00	Mary Ann Turner	$ 50
Tenie Patterson	1 00	Belle Alexander	50
R M Morris	1 00	William Murn	50
M E Black	1 00	William Florence, Jr	50
Horace Johns	1 00	Bessie V Morris	50
B R A Tilghman	1 00	Elizabeth Hamilton	50
Sally Jackson	1 00	Caroline Bolden	25
Margaret Young	1 00	Mattie Johns	25
E M Flood	1 00	Luvenia Cain	25
Clarence Johns	1 00	Sarah Thompson	25
Aunt Henry Bolden	1 00	Louisa Mossett	25
Mrs Lucinda Arnett	75	William Carpenter	25
Ruthena Honesty	50	Mary Bolden	25

Daniel Johns	65
Georgia Mossett	50
Annie Mossett	50
Nelson Honesty	50
Mary J Hackett	50
William Johns	50
Julia Johns	50
Matilda Jackson	50
Richard Bolden, Jr	25
William Bolden	25
Alice Bolden	25
John Alexander	25
Mary Smothers	20
Total	$22 35

OIL CITY, PA.—G. C. SAMPSON, PASTOR.

John Jackson	$1 00
M W Franklin	1 00
Lida Franklin	1 09
Lizzie Bassett	1 00
Charles Simons	1 00
Frank Hayes	1 00
Emma Hayes	1 00
R H Mann	1 00
Hannah Mann	1 00
Sarah Johnson	1 00
Tampa Gray	1 00
R H Gray	1 00
John Asbury	1 00
Ruth Hopkins	1 00
Richard Hopkins	1 00
Peter Bryant	1 00
Lucinda Bryant	1 00
J E Lucas	1 00
Maggie Lucas	1 00
S T Lucas	1 00
Mollie Lucas	1 00
John Murphy	1 00
Levi Newsom	1 00
Noble Johnson	1 00
Carrie Peterson	1 00
W A Herman	1 00
Jerry Williams	$1 00
Emma Hill	1 00
Corenia Orbison	1 00
Jennie Jackson	1 00
Louisa Williams	50
Emma Johnson	50
Ellen Green	50
Thomas Johnson	50
Nellie Johnson	50
Andy Bolden	50
Alice Bolden	50
Joe Myers	50
Susan Anderson	50
Devo Bassett	50
A Hill	50
Gertie Hill	50
Sarah Jenkins	50
Susan Jenkins	50
Lena Henderson	50
Belle Jackson	50
Jessie Bassett	25
W E Franklin	25
Grace Anderson	25
Charles Jackson	25
Total	$39 00

TITUSVILLE, PA.—G. C. SAMPSON, PASTOR.

Mohla A Sampson	$1 00
Martha D Sampson	1 00
Emelenene Hawkins	1 00
George Grimes	1 00
John Kinney	1 00
I H Thomas	1 00
Jane Neal	1 00
Catharine Hector	1 00
Anna E Jackson	1 00
George Humphries	1 00
Henry Gayton	1 00
M J C Thomas	1 00
James Rawlins	1 00
Frank Rakes	1 00
Mary J Hartshorn	1 00
William Hector	1 00
Annie White	1 00
John Neal	$1 00
Sarah Samuels	1 00
Henry Robertson	1 00
Maud Hartshorn	50
Frank Thomas	50
Annie D Sampson	50
Mary A Hensley	50
Jennie Rawlins	50
Laura Rawlins	50
Lavinia Hartshorn	50
John S Clark	50
Julia Clark	50
Lida Robertson	50
Maud Clark	25
Total	$27 25

MEADVILLE, PA. REV. P. A. SCOTT, PASTOR.

Charles Allen	$1 00	Mrs Gillespie	$ 50
Hattie Pratt	1 00	Mahaley Graham	50
Eliza Henderson	1 00	Julia Gardner	50
Mrs. C A Green	1 00	Lyda Gordon	50
Isaiah Jackson	1 00	Annie Bridget	50
Rachel Wright	1 00	Susan Cox	50
James Green	1 00	Rachel Jones	50
Emma Jackson	1 00	Rachel Scott	50
C M Gillespie	1 00	Wm J Scott	50
Clara Miller	1 00	Lavina Smith	50
Samuel Green	1 00	Samuel Miller	50
Cornelia D Scott	1 00	Clara Maud Scott	50
David Lee	1 00	Louisa J Denny	50
Frank Henry	1 00	Maggie Henderson	50
J B Hine	1 00	Dora Henderson	50
Willis Sharp	50	Samuel Pratt	50
Jane Sharp	50	Bertha Pratt	50
Mary Henderson	50	Maggie Anderson	50
Annie B Green	50	Florence Scott	25
Ellen Allen	50	Lena Henry	25
Annie Clark	50	Kate Scott	25
Edward Henderson	50		
Hannah Henderson	50	Total	$29 25
Robert M Henderson, Jr	50		

SOUTHSIDE, PITTSBURG.—C. H. BROWN, PASTOR.

Ellen Randall	$1 00	Amelia Brown	$ 50
William Randall	1 00	Susan Smith	50
Margaret Favor	1 00	Catherine West	50
Minerva Waters	1 00	Mamie West	50
James Brown	50	David Haynes	25
Flora Favor	50	Charles Henson	25
David Williams	50		
Francis Williams	50	Total	$8 50

UNIONTOWN, PA.—W. C. GOENS, PASTOR.

Mahulda Oaks (to I Derrick)	$1 00	E J Scott	$1 00
Mary E Brady	1 00	Eliza Webster	1 00
M V Baxter	1 00	George Warfield	1 00
Emma Bolden	1 00	Isaac Giles	1 00
P C Baxter	1 00	Elizabeth Ditcher	75
Bell Blue	1 00	Harriet Hall	75
Alex Belt	1 00	Caroline Barter	50
Josephine Butler	1 00	M L Baxter	50
Mary Bougus	1 00	Lulu Coston	50
H H Scott	1 00	Mary Carter	50
Emma Catlin	1 00	G F Ditcher	50
M K Catlin	1 00	Francis Dix	50
Ida V Carter	1 00	Emma Henderson	50
W W Chapman	1 00	Harriet Johns	50
Mary A Curry	1 00	Sarah Jackson	50
E M Curry	1 00	Mary Moxley	50
Nancy Fox	1 00	Ellis Robinson	50
Josephine Fortune	1 00	Ida Douglas	50
Emily Grant	1 00	Lucy Webster	50
Mary E Grant	1 00	Mrs E H Truly	50

William Hackney	$1 00
C A Jinkins	1 00
Minerva Jinkins	1 00
Dora Minor	1 00
Eliza Moxley	1 00
Carrie Miller	1 00
Georgiana Smothers	1 00
E Truly	50
Maud Thomas	50
Georgie Palmer	50
Margaret Burges	25
Helen Curry	25
Total	$41 50

BRADFORD, PA., AND OLEAN, N. Y.—GEO. G. SKINNER, PASTOR.

Willliam Enty	$1 00
J B Rutherford	1 00
G B Brown	1 00
Carrie Rowe	1 00
Matilda Mann	1 00
John Robinson	1 00
Roger Lawrence	1 00
Mrs O J Taylor	1 00
Clara Harris	1 00
Carrie Thonell	1 00
Hattie Enty	1 00
A J Enty	1 00
Catharine Draper	1 00
Lucy Beasley	1 00
David Thonell	1 00
Eliza Blackwell	1 00
Bell Ames	1 00
A H Smith	1 00
Elen Robinson	1 00
Martha Butler	1 00
Jennie Cisco	1 00
S B Thompson	1 00
Mrs S B Thompson	1 00
Isaac M Gance	$1 00
Fannie Collins	1 00
W D Lucas	1 00
Mary Roberts	1 00
H M Marshall	1 00
Susie Marshall	1 00
Alec Virginia	1 00
Matilda Brown	50
Sister White	50
Virginia Blakely	50
Edith Lucas	50
Agnes Curtis	50
Julia Bomer	50
Fannie Mead	50
Beulah Darper	25
Aaron Blaton	25
John Wilson	25
Mrs Wright	25
Mildred Smith	25
Zora Skinner	25
Total	$35 00

MONONGAHELA, PA.—W. H. COSTON, B. D., P. H. D., PASTOR.

Rev W G Ralph	$1 00
Rev S Spencer	1 00
Rev J Lewis	1 00
Rev P Bowman	1 00
Bro P Erwin	1 00
Rev J Alexander	1 00
Bro R F Oliver	1 00
Bro J Turner	1 00
Hon W H Jones	1 00
Sister M Jones	1 00
Sister F Johns	1 00
Sister N Lewis	1 00
Sister C Jones	1 00
Sister C Steele	1 00
Sister M Kemper	1 00
Sister E Wright	1 00
Mrs M Anderson	1 00
Sister S Johns	50
Sister H Brooks	50
Sister M Wright (nee Lewis)	50
Sister S Carter	$ 50
Sister C West	50
Sister A Jones	50
Sister L Brooks	50
Sister M Simmons	50
Sister S Spencer	50
Sister E Lewis	50
Little Julia R Coston	50
Sister L Carter	25
Miss Myrtle Kemper	20
Elva Washington	10
Master Chas Washington	10
Master Furman West	14
Sister Hughes	47
Sister Doreity	35
Bro H Smith	50
Bro E Thompson	50
Total	$25 11

$22.29 were paid as annual assessments, and $30.50 were reported by the pastor.

WEST BRIDGEWATER, PA.—J. J. NORRIS, PASTOR.

Sidney Freeman	$1 00	Nancy Evans	$ 75
Rachel Cole	1 00	Maria Ash	50
Anna Boyd	1 00	Marcella Butler	50
Ruth Webster	1 00	E J Auburn	50
Ida Miner	1 00	Anna Peters	50
Louis Ash	1 00	Catherine Ford	50
Clara Ash	1 00	Jane Carter	50
Dollie Love	1 00	Matilda Cisco	50
Lucy Tanner	1 00	Wm Butler	50
Andrew W. Tanner	1 00	Andrew Evans	50
David Simpson	1 00	Nelson Scroggins	50
Elizabeth Simpson	1 00	Minnie Tanner	50
Ruth Patterson	1 00	Clara Good	25
Julie Bolden	1 00	Georgie Penney	25
Agnes Evans	1 00	Frank Evans	25
Harriet Butler	1 00		
Catherine Harris	2 00	Total	$25 00

SEWICKLEY, PA.—J. J. NORRIS, PASTOR.

Sarah Dungey	$1 00	Alberta West	$ 50
Layton Morris	1 00	Nancy Russ	50
Lucy Harris	1 90	Mary R Williams	50
Ellen Cosley	1 00	Liddie Johnson	50
Alice Brown	75	John Dungey	50
J P Cox	50	Henry Booth	25
Emma Cox	50		
Hannah Williams	50	Total	$9 50
Cora Williams	50		

WEST NEWTON, PA.—H. G. THOMAS, PASTOR.

Olivia Derrit	$ 50	Mary E Miles	$ 25
Mary A Sterling	50	Louisa Bazier	25
David Devitt	50	Ethel Bazier	15
Pearl Clark	50	George Jordan	50
Penny Griffin	50	Susan Minnie	25
R H Logan	50		
Mary E Catlin	25	Total	$4 90
Jacob Stearling	25		

M'KEESPORT, PA.—H. G. THOMAS, PASTOR.

Sadie Gordon	$1 00	J S Wade	$ 50
Clara Derry	1 00	Milla Lewis	50
Emma Maekrel	1 00	Enos Auty	50
Anna Marshall	1 00	Lavina Auty	50
Mary Green	1 00	Martha Hanger	50
Peter Green	1 00	Bettie Hanger	50
Henry Bolen	1 00	W M Christian	75
Delila Miles	1 00		
S E Christian	50	Total	$12 25
Sarah McClure	50		

FRANKLIN, PA.—R. BROWN, PASTOR.

Seth Stevens	$1 00	Nannie Stevens	$ 50
Lucinda Stevens	1 00	Bettie Hunter	50
C W Henderson	1 00	Marian Miller	50
Alfred Simms	1 00	Mary Milton	50
Anna Henderson	1 00	Frank Nesbit	50
Eliza Burk	1 00	Maggie Carter	50
Anna Burk Lawson	1 00	Flora Lawson	50
Douglass Fields	1 00	Rosan Cartar	55
Harry B Dickson	1 00	Emma A Jackson	25
Julia A Dickson	1 00	May Simms	25
Priscilla Henderson	1 00	Laura Simms	25
J Sim Lawson	1 00	George Simms	25
Plummer Henderson	80	Angie Lawson	25
Albert Lawson	50	James Lawrance	25
Emanuel Patterson	50	William Scott	25
Henrietta Simms	50	George Harding	25
Mary M Fields	50	Mrs Rev R Brown	25
Mollie Fields	50	Lucy A Brown	25
Mrs T Brown	50	Charley Fields	15
Rev James Lawson	50		
Alex Jackson	50	Total	$23 50

CHARLEROI, PA.—E. W. WEBSTER, PASTOR.

John Reed	$1 00	Rose Stroughters	$ 50
Nancy Reed	1 00	Howard Thomas	50
John Richardson	1 00	Benjamin Jones	25
Francis Richardson	1 00	James Wodson	25
Henry Smith	1 00	Lockwood Hughes	25
Mary Smith	1 00	Ellen Stroughters	25
Spotwood Stroughters	1 00	Jose Smith	25
John Tanis	1 00	William Smith	35
Nancy I Burrel	1 00	Annie Lewis	10
Elizabeth Taylor	50	Eliza Anderson	10
Israel Taylor	50	John Green	10
Lyda Norris	50		
Belle Norris	50	Total	$13 90

PIKE RUN, PA.—E. W. WEBSTER, PASTOR.

Morgan Jones	$ 25	S R Smith	$ 5
Susan Jones	25	Joseph Marsh	5
Wm Jones	25		
Maggie Smith	25	Total	$1 10

ERIE, PA.—S. P. WEST, PASTOR.

Mrs. Ida Lawson	$1 00	Sarah Powers	$ 50
Mrs Anna Johnson	1 00	Earnest Powers	50
Mrs Mary Chavons	1 00	James Hale	50
Mrs Emma Franklin	1 00	Ellen Lawson	25
C Slow	50	Dode Lowry	25
C A Winfield	50		
Charles Franklin	50	Total	$7 50

BELLEVUE, PA. J. PAIGE, PASTOR.

William Warfield	$ 50	Nil Tucker	$ 50
Mrs William Warfield	50	Miss Stella Green	25
Dennis Green	50	Mr Numan	50
Mrs Dennis Green	25	Mrs Numan	50
Mrs M Boggs	25		
John Jones	50	Total	$4 75
J C Smith	50		

BELLEVERNON, PA.—J. W. BROWN, PASTOR.

Miss Anna Ross	$1 00	Asa Ross	$ 25
Mrs Harriet Ross	50	Mrs Emma Turner	25
Miss Lizzie Ross	50		
Aaron Bazier	50	Total	$3 00

WHEELING DISTRICT.

WASHINGTON, PA.—R. H. MORRIS, PASTOR.

Jonathan Davis	$1 50	Sara McKeown	$1 00
Ella Nelson	1 50	Frances Howard	1 00
Alfred Crockett, Sr.	1 25	C H Patterson	1 00
Samuel Butler	1 00	S G Walters	1 00
Alfred Crockett, Jr.	1 00	Jane Chapman	1 00
Frank Cole	1 00	Edward Price	1 00
Ruth Redman	1 00	Catharine Alberts	1 00
Emma Kelly	1 00	Rachel Skinner	1 00
Thomas Banks	1 00	Mary Patterson	1 00
Jane Hilton	1 00	James Hayden	1 00
Julia Caldwell	1 00	Adda Hopper	1 00
George Bruce	1 00	Mac Anderson	1 00
Martha Williamson	1 00	Anna Highgate	1 00
Anna Highgate	1 00	Elizabeth Lewis	1 00
Belle Fullman	1 00	Margaret Jones	1 00
Debby Minor	1 00	Julia Patterson	75
Solomon Alberts	1 00	Ellen Jackson	75
Margaret Morris	1 00	Laura Skinner	75
Wm Rutledge	1 00	Nellie Thomas	50
Mary E Thomas	1 00	Maggie Chapman	50
Lizzie Johnson	1 00	Sarah Derham	50
Jeannette Saunders	1 00	Narsis Asbury	50
Martha Patterson	1 00	Louvenia Baker	50
Robert Patterson	1 00	R H Baker	50
Newton Johnson	1 00	Julia Adams	50
Minnie Jones	1 00	Lawrence Shorters	50
Charles Hall	1 00	Elizabeth Shorters	50
Anna Banks	1 00	Sadie Bruce	50
Sadie Keets	1 00	Louella House	50
Sadie Cordeck	1 00	Martha Curry	50
Laura Jennis	1 00	Sarah Curry	50
Lizzie Berry	1 00	Della Berry	50
Clara Berry	1 00	Anna Smith	50
Samuel Shorters	1 00	Wm Curry	50
Isaac Asbury	1 00	John R H Adams	50

Ella Brooks	1 00
Sarah Peck	1 00
B J M Brown	1 00
Nancy Mosbey	1 00
Gertie Berry	1 00
Anna Greenley	1 00
Blanche Thomas	1 00
Wilzena Thomas	1 00
G W Derham	1 00
Hannah Bolden	1 00
Nancy Patterson	1 00
Abraham Berry	1 00
Phillis Adams	1 00
Mark B Wiilis	1 00
Robert Johnson	1 00
Braxton Barber	1 00
Lydia Walters	1 00
Jennie Johnston	1 00
Thornton Viney	1 00
Wm Groose	1 00
Mary F Crockett	1 00
Mary Barber	1 00
Josephine Asbury	1 00
Daniel Johnson	1 00
Ida Jackson	1 00
Jane Burleigh	1 00
Timothy Chapman	1 00
Caroline Berry	1 00
Calvin Strothers	1 00
L G Mosbey	1 00
Amanda Anderson	1 00
Caroline Johnson	1 00
Robert Adams	50
Maggie Joiner	50
Anna Pearl	50
Themie Bundy	50
Lydia Cox	50
L A Beasley	50
Mattie Walters	50
Amelia Henderson	50
Anna Highgate	50
C D Viney	50
Frances Merritt	50
George Cox	50
Jacob McGinder	50
Elmira Chapman	50
Sarah Banks	50
Rachel Alberts	50
Mattie Baxter	50
Amelia Skinner	50
Birdie Derham	50
Margaret Workman	50
Maggie Williams	50
Stephen Bush	25
Lizzie Bush	25
Nancy Alberts	25
Henrietta Hall	25
Blanche Cox	25
Lizzie Corbin	25
Agnes Patterson	25
Libbie Skinner	25
Total	$106 50

CANNONSBURG, PA.—REV. C. WRIGHT, PASTOR.

Mrs Mary Matthews	$1 00
Eliza Wheeler	1 00
Mariah Lotterbery	1 00
Abram Lotterbery	1 00
John Lotterbery	1 00
Geo Lotterbery	1 00
George Sluby	1 00
S J Robinson	1 00
Nancy Burges	1 00
Joseph Horman	1 00
Rachel Wilson	1 00
Rachel Warfield	1 00
S A Warfield	1 00
C A Hill	1 00
Charles Jackson	1 00
A W Bush	1 00
Christopher Davis	1 00
Lucy Davis	1 00
John Webster	1 00
C H Matthews	1 00
Jennie Sluby	1 00
Adam Bell	1 00
Cyrus Brown	1 00
Ruth Brown	1 00
Wm Thomas	1 00
Margaret Butcher	$ 75
Sarah Webster	75
Mary J Hill	50
John S Johnson	50
Mary C Hill	50
Ida E Bush	50
Margaret McCroby	50
Barney McCroby	50
Thomas Pain	50
Lew Catline	50
Warner Washington	50
M A Bush	50
Mary Woods	50
Elizabeth Washington	50
Margaret Wheeler	50
Sophia Harper	50
Jesse Harper	50
Mary C Harper	50
Belle Henderson	50
John Walls	50
Cornelia Prawls	50
M A Sluby	50
George Hayden	50
John F Goodley	25
Clark M Goodley	25

John E Harper	1 00
Sarah Cordeck	1 00
Moses Bush	1 00
Annie Bush	1 00
Peter Wheeler	1 00
Thomas Wheeler	1 00
Fred Bartley	1 00
Zeba Bactor	1 00
David Caldwell	1 00
Grant Henderson	1 00
L H Wright	1 00
S A Wright	1 00
O Bell	1 00
Alonzo Marshall	25
Alice Morgan	25
John Morgan	25
Bertie Catline	25
C W Burges	25
Elmer West	25
Sarah Morgan	25
M E Fullman	25
Jennie Walls	25
Eva Scott	10
Total	$52 85

WHEELING, W. VA.—R. H. BUMRY, PASTOR.

Lucinda Bradford	$1 00
Martha Williams	1 00
Martha Lewis	1 00
Lucinda Thompson	1 00
Martha Winters	1 00
Oscar Winters	1 00
H A Davis	1 00
Mamie Thompson	1 00
Jennie Williams	1 00
Belle Barnett	1 00
Zora Johns	1 00
Julia Johnson	1 00
Lizzie Jackson	1 00
J A Hunt	1 00
Lucinda West	1 00
Annie Whiting	1 00
Jennie Bumry	$1 00
Ada Fletcher	1 00
G Howard	1 00
Tillie Brodie	1 00
Jennie Davis	1 00
B Jennings	1 00
Charles Winters	50
Martha Sterm	50
Barbara Sly	50
Dorcas Norris	50
Bertha Fletcher	50
Alice Grant	50
Master Ira Johns	25
Bazil Ray	25
Total	$25 50

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—J. W. SAUNDERS, PASTOR.

York Jones	$1 00
S W Waid	1 00
James Carter	1 00
Ida Brock	1 00
James Newman	1 00
Dorah Buckner	1 00
Nancy Dike	50
Frances Watson	50
James Smith	50
Minnie Grant	50
Melissa Latterburg	50
J W Comedy	50
Hattie Comedy	50
C A Horner	50
B Jones	50
Maggie Lacy	25
Mrs Horner	25
Mrs Merrick	$ 25
Mr Tolover	25
Harriet Williams	25
Lillie Brown	25
Minnie Washington	25
Mr. Fortune	25
M B Comedy	25
S M Comedy	25
Sophie Spencer	50
Madison Washington	25
Eli Watson	25
Sarah Bartlett	25
John Bartlett	25
Catharine Taylor	25
Total	$15 00

PHILLIPPI, W. VA.

J M Davidson	$ 25
Elias Davidson	25
Alva Boggins	25
Joseph Barber	25
Adeline Anderson	$ 30
Total	$1 30

WEST MIDDLETOWN, PA.—REV. A. SMOTHERS, PASTOR.

John Payne	$1 00	F Wallace	$ 50
E Wallace	1 00	E J Proctor	50
C Bozier	1 00	E Harris	50
M Harris	1 00	A Dunlap	50
Mrs A W Smothers	1 00	Sarah Dempster	25
M Patterson	1 00	H Dorsey	25
Lina Patterson	1 00	William Patterson, Sr	25
Laura Patterson	1 00	D Payne	25
Dora Dempster	1 00	W Fullman	25
Jessie Dempster	1 00	Sa ly Fullman	25
Jennie Patterson	1 00	Mary France	27
M R Brown	50	L Asbury	20
Mary Payne	50	H Harris	10
E McUmphry	50	H Asbury	10
J McUmphry	50		
B Patterson	50	Total	$18 67

WELLSBURG, W. VA.—A. SMOTHERS, PASTOR.

Philace Edwards	$ 50	John Meshon	$ 25
S Howard	50	Jas Pryor	25
E Childs	50	Thomas Brookens	25
C Meshon	50	A Cooper	10
L Jones	50		
D Carter	50	Total	$4 10
D Howard	25		

WAYNESBURG —REV. DANIEL NEWSOM, PASTOR.

Sarah A Baker	$1 00	Alice Diggs	75
Fannie Syrus	1 00	Anna Bruce	75
Wm T Baker	1 00	Catharine Workman	50
Martha Furrell	1 00	Elizabeth Hickey	50
Albert A Bruce	1 00	M E Workman	50
John Steward	1 00	Jennie McDonald	50
Mrs James Workman	1 00	Martha E Lacy	50
Rettie Suttles	1 00	John Oliver Coston	15
Anna Hickey	1 00	Nancy Ponzon	15
Lewis N Brown	1 00		
D O Furrell	1 00	Total	$16 10
C S Hickey	80		

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.—W. H. PRIDE, PASTOR.

Sister E J Pride	$1 00	Allen Lee	1 00
Sister Minerva Ashby	1 00	Floride Giles	1 00
Sister Elizabeth Johnson	1 00	Willa Lee	50
Sister Eliza Frazier	1 00	Hattie Wilkinson	50
Sister Agnes Ogden	1 00	Mattie C Jones	50
Sister Mary J Grayson	1 00	Louisa Mackey	50
Sister Julia Beckwith	1 00	Sister Louisa James	25
Sister Sophia Lee	1 00		
Sister Julia Ross	1 00	Total	$14 25
Sister L J Robinson	1 00		

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.—ELI M'KNIGHT, PASTOR.

Paid $5 00

RESOLUTIONS.

ADDRESSES.

Resolved, That we are delighted with the addresses to which we have listened tonight, and that Rev. J. W. Jeffries, whose address was on behalf of the church and people; Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., on behalf of the District; Hon. F. M. Nichol, Mayor of the city of Wilkes-Barre, on behalf of the city; Rev. C. Asbury, Rev. D. S. Bentley, Rev. G. C. Sampson, who replied to the addresses, have our thanks for their words of kindness and encouragement.

REV. HENRY A. GRANT.

UNITED SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

WHEREAS, We are living in an age when the greatest moral problems are to be solved—problems which spring up with a rapidity and profusion scarcely known in the annals of history; and

WHEREAS, As these problems seem to threaten the higher moral and nobler man and womanhood, by reason of the fact that they are becoming more solidfied in their nature and more intense in their practice; and

WHEREAS, We regard the Christian Endeavor Society as one of the most potent factors in the field of Christian activity, battling against the giant evils of modern times, such as lower the standard of good citizenship in every country; and

WHEREAS, The Pittsburg Conference were honored by its representatives in that great convention, among whom was its chieftain in the person of Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., who filled an important place on the Board of Managers, and other prominent engagements, in the fulfillment of which he brought the A. M. E. Church in particular, and the race in general, in a most satisfactory light before the Christian world. Therefore, be it

Resolved, (1st) That the Pittsburg Conference endorse the Christian Endeavor organization. (2nd) That we give the most healthful encouragement to the organization of societies in the churches throughout this Conference District, and see that they are connected with county unions. (3d) That we tender to Bishop Arnett a vote of thanks for his very able address and his untiring efforts in so successfully representing the race at Boston.

D. S. BENTLEY, D. D.

PAYNE'S THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

WHEREAS, Payne's Theological Seminary is one of the great luminaries in the galaxy of intellectual and educational powers, and

WHEREAS, The advanced age in which we live and the church of which we are members demand a higher, deeper and broader development of ministerial education. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, put forth a more earnest effort to make strong and powerful our own beloved institution.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the Finance Committee appropriate what it possibly can to assist in the grand and noble work of moral and intellectual development.

D. F. CALIMAN.

BISHOP ARNETT, J. W. JEFFRIES AND OTHERS.

Inasmuch as the growth and prosperity of this Conference depends in a great measure upon wise plans of direction, educational work and pentecostal baptism, developed through the agencies of our beloved Bishop, Rt. Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett, D. D., L.L. D.,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Pittsburg A. M. E. Conference again record our thanks to Bishop Arnett for having presided so faithfully and impartially over the deliberations of their Conference.

Resolved, That we are under obligations to Bishop Arnett for his review in an able article of the A. M. E. Church in an issue of the *Independent*, the leading weekly journal of the United States, of January 3, 1895. In the above issue of the *Independent* there are articles by thirty-seven of the leading churchmen of the country on the chief ecclesiastical events of different denominations. Bishop Arnett is the only Afro-American who was asked to contribute an article for that issue of the *Independent*. Be it further

Resolved, That we recognize Bishop Arnett as the greatest representative Afro-American of the race—the prince of leaders.

Resolved, That the generous and good people of Wilkes-Barre at whose homes we have stopped and by whom we have been so abundantly cared for shall ever have our prayers for the excellent treatment at their homes.

Resolved, That Rev. J. W. Jeffries and good wife deserve the highest praise for having arranged so perfectly and attractively for our comfort while in their midst.

Resolved, That we delight in saying that the music rendered by the choir of Fell Street A. M. E. church for our Conference was excellent, and we thank the members of the choir and all who assisted them for having added so largely to the success of our meetings.

Resolved, That we thank the Secretaries of the Conference for the faithful performance of their duties.

Resolved, That we thank the daily papers of this city for reports of the business of our Conference.

H. A. GRANT.

Financial and Statistical Table of the Pittsburg Annual Conference.

P. A. Scott, Statistical Secretary.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elders.	Contingent Money.	Bible Cause.	Missionary Purposes.	Charitable Purposes.	Education Purposes.	Church Extension.	Mite Missionary	Building and Repairs	Total for all Purposes.	How long on Present App'm't.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	L. N. Ross	$165 00	$1200 00	$167 00	$7 00	$4 00	$80 65	$460 00	$68 00	$14 30	$144 46	$1440 00	$3207 41	2 y'r
East End, Pittsburg	W. S. Lowry	64 00	900 00	85 00	2 03	1 00	21 00	30 00	18 00	3 00	38 00	2123 00	3272 72	2
Altoona	J. P. Stephens	19 00	485 62	36 10	1 00	1 00	5 00	6 55	10 00	1 50			741 90	1
Williamsport	Richard Tanner	57 75	720 00	87 00	1 27	50	8 00	38 50		4 66	1 50	890 26	1920 09	4
Scranton	Chas. A. McGee	43 85	500 25	50 00	1 42	1 35	5 00	43 44	10 80	2 00	13 81	333 86	1020 02	3
Wilkes-Barre	J. W. Jeffries	22 50	620 75	87 19	50	5	19 36	21 14	5 08	2 53	6 14	804 50	1636 46	1
New Haven	Cyrus N. Woodson	35 50	512 22	45 85	68	1 00	9 31	7 26		2 50		416 53	1192 35	3
Bellefonte	H. A. Grant	45 00	488 40	36 50	61	1 30	13 80	3 00	13 71	4 00	11 00	215 00	831 32	1
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	26 00	400 00	21 00	25	25	6 00	1 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	304 07	736 57	1
Lewistown	T. J. Simmons	10 00	135 47	27 53						1 21		240 00	414 21	17 m
Philipsburg	R. M. Henderson	15 30	278 73	32 00	40	35	3 59	2 00	8	3 80		670 57	992 23	1
Bedford	S. Christian	8 50	149 68	31 10	1 00	25	1 00		1 00	2 00		94 10	287 63	2
Montrose	O. T. Davis	20 75	279 48	36 00	50	50	1 00	25 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	7	654 25	2
Bloomsburg Mission	Hutch. Johnson	3 25	222 23	19 85	20	09	8 08		10 35	1 77	17 00	48 26	334 46	1
Greensburg	W. N. Young	24 40	200 00	32 00	25	1 00	10 00	9 00	7 05	1 00	3 00	7 00	352 93	3
Homestead	A. E. Waldon	28 50	375 90	36 30	50	50	5 00	12 10	5 30	1 65	5 00	582 94	984 05	1
Tyrone Mission	Chas. Garner	14 00	162 07	13 00	25	25	6 43	1 00	11 38	2 15		54 65	266 80	58 m
Lock Haven	T. J. Askew	20 65	369 87	31 49	50	57	2 75	12 35	8 00	2 43	1 75	25 00	582 03	1
Bellevernon	Jno. W. Brown	3 00	33 73	8 00								17 25	61 98	2 m
Milton Mission	Israel Holmes	4 50	65 00	12 00			2 05						104 60	8
Brown's Chapel, Allegheny	D. S. Bentley, D. D.	91 00	1100 00	121 76	5 00			200 99	84 65	2 00	121 27	1381 81	3108 48	2
Chartiers, Allegheny	D. F. Caliman	84 75	1097 43	63 43	2 00	50	7 00	34 28	23 00	2 50	45 53	1012 71	2213 26	4
South Side, Pittsburg	C. H. Brown	8 50	391 19	48 85	25	25	2 04		2 45	1 35	2 00	58 91	588 86	1
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	41 50	575 00	62 25	75	75	22 10	15 00	15 26	5 07	11 15	155 90	958 20	3
Bradford Circuit	G. G. Skinner	35 00	700 00	53 97	1 00	2 00	18 00		10 90	2 41		199 10	1016 38	1
Oil City	Geo. C. Sampson	66 25	800 00	66 00	1 00	1 00	31 24	9 50	18 13	7 19	24 94	245 09	1270 34	2
Monongahela City	W. H. Coston	30 75	339 00	36 00	25	25	1 00	44 00	1 00	67	20 25	1384 90	1832 32	1
Uniontown	W. C. Goens	40 50	451 47	61 60	50	50	4 61	16 00		2 32	50	930 58	1509 58	2 m
Brownsville	J. M. Morris	22 00	374 66	51 00	50			18 00	5 20	2 50	8 00	250 00	703 86	2
New Brighton	I. B. Till	27 25	501 49	49 60	50	1 00	2 00			1 00	3 00	951 89	1534 73	1
Franklin	Richard Brown	23 50	437 01	40 05	1 00	83	2 13		88	1 50		65 02	626 27	1
Erie	S. P. West	9 00	384 28	47 56	50	50	3 00	10 00		1 89	13 75	13 43	485 91	3
Meadville	P. A. Scott	29 00	447 65	46 43	35	35	3 61	26 72	5 00	1 34	2 36	183 84	776 65	1
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	34 50	482 25	56 00	75	50	17 58	6 00	10 00	1 50		250 00	824 86	1
West Newton Circuit	H. G. Thomas	16 10	440 75	53 00	25	25	1 00	30 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	721 00	1262 60	1
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	15 00	200 00	14 75	25	25	2 00	44		2 00		366 00	648 75	1
Belleview Mission	Julius V. Page	5 00	40 00	29 90				10 00	1 30	1 30			197 90	3
Wheeling, W. Va.	R. H. Bumry	25 50	431 88	48 00	1 10	50	5 00	30 37	7 30	2 50	6 00	453 07	1011 22	1
Cannonsburg	Carter Wright	53 30	600 00	68 85	2 00	2 00	33 30	35 64	17 21	6 84	14 22	95 90	1187 53	1
Washington	R. H. Morris	105 00	865 52	68 55	1 50	1 10	26 46	87 45	23 00	6 10	42 03	854 30	2046 98	3
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	16 10	510 00	45 60	75	75	8 98		7 00	2 69	1 00	10 00	912 30	1
West Middletown	Alexander Smothers	22 77	194 46	31 00	25	50	5 26	16 30	4 40	2 50	8 50	57 34	345 28	3
Clarksburg, W. Va.	W. H. Pride	14 25	167 85	40 00	50	50	50	10 00	50			1427 51	1661 51	3
Parkersburg, W. Va.	J. W. Saunders	15 00	200 00	40 00	25		75	6 00	4 25			150 75	428 75	1
Morgantown	Eli McKnight	5 00	96 49	22 23								200 00	324 72	1
Weston Mission	M. S. Jones		75 20	28 75								300 50	416 20	1
Blacksville Mission	L. A. Barber	1 30	65 25	9 35	25							95 00	171 75	1
Beverly Circuit	Elijah Bazier		113 00	43 72				2 00				844 00	1002 75	1
	Total	$1479 27	$12341 23	$1343 14	$39 68	$28 39	$225 39	$1271 28	$421 57	105 07	$562 16	$20792 76	$48582 07	

Annual Conference.

P. A. Scott, Statistical Secretary.

Charges.	Pastors.	Number Schools.	Number Teachers.	Officers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Education Purposes.	Missionary Societies.	Collection in Schools.	Other Purposes.	Collected in S. S. for Missionary Society.	S. S. Union.	Mite Missionary	Total Collections
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	I. N. Ross	1	23	8	375	55	170	$30 00	1	$89 01	$20 00	$ 21 00	$14 50	....	$174 50
East End, Pittsburg	W. S. Lowry	1	7	5	93	10	135	12 00	1	30 00	4 00	14 00	3 00	....	64 00
Altoona	J. P. Stephens	1	4	5	26	.....	200	1 66	1	22 22	.....	2 09	1 50	....	29 40
Williamsport	Richard Tanner	1	15	8	75	2	100	.....	1	102 29	4 13	8 63	4 66	....	119 94
Scranton	C. A. McGee	1	8	6	65	10	200	.....	1	31 14	.....	6 00	2 00	....	39 14
Wilkes-Barre	J. W Jeffries	1	16	9	120	14	350	12 00	2	30 80	16 52	2 00	2 53	....	47 53
New Haven	C. N. Woodson	1	5	5	54	13	35	7 38	1	36 86	11 88	2 00	2 50	....	36 86
Bellefonte	H. A. Grant	1	10	13	43	2	100	13 71	1	41 36	.....	12 82	4 00	....	71 89
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	1	3	7	20	5	70	.....	1	19 42	.....	.....	2 00	....	21 42
Lewistown	T. J. Simmons	2	6	6	55	11	115	.....	.....	23 80	.....	1 25	1 21	....	27 26
Philipsburg	R. M. Henderson	2	8	8	56	7	400	5 45	.....	11 13	5 00	.....	3 80	....	25 38
Bedford	S. Christian	2	6	6	61	4	119	.....	.....	12 83	.....	.....	2 00	....	14 83
Montrose	O. T. Davis	2	3	9	29	1	300	.....	.....	9 50	1 60	1 50	1 00	....	9 50
Bloomsburg Mission	Hutch. Johnson	2	6	10	54	16	700	50	1	14 88	.....	50	1 70	....	14 88
Greensburg	W. N. Young	1	3	7	20	1	112	7 05	1	38 78	4 20	7 00	1 00	....	58 03
Homestead	A. E. Waldon	2	9	8	48	18	.....	.....	1	32 48	6 60	5 00	1 60	....	39 08
Tyrone Mission	Chas. Garner	1	6	9	34	.....	174	9 25	1	21 96	14 40	2 00	2 15	....	36 36
Lock Haven	T. J. Askew	2	8	10	45	22	60	8 00	1	16 61	4 60	75	2 40	....	30 36
Bellevernon	John W. Brown	1	3	5	30	.....	100	.....	.....	5 78	1 00	.....	1 00	....	6 78
Milton	Israel Holmes	2	5	6	27	1	100	.....	1	13 35	.....	50	.....	....	13 85
Brown Chapel, Allegheny	D. S. Bentley	1	21	7	191	4	305	.....	1	408 32	16 00	102 12	2 00	....	528 44
Chartiers, Allegheny	D. F. Caliman	1	5	7	85	.....	225	10 00	1	47 78	21 50	9 00	2 50	....	60 28
South Side, Pittsburg	C. H. Brown	1	3	3	15	2	100	2 45	1	13 52	5 85	2 04	1 35	....	19 36
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	2	9	12	115	4	225	12 36	1	21 00	20 00	19 40	5 07	....	68 83
Bradford Circuit	G. G. Skinner	2	7	10	85	5	100	5 52	2	40 00	13 93	6 00	2 41	....	54 93
Oil City	Geo. C. Sampson	2	12	14	139	3	503	8 08	1	28 38	36 16	21 85	7 19	....	64 54
Monongahela	W. H. Coston	1	6	4	75	.....	97	.....	1	.....	2 67	2 00	67	....	2 67
Uniontown	W. C. Goens	1	6	5	79	.....	246	.....	1	10 42	2 32	.....	2 32	....	12 74
Brownsville	J. M. Morris	1	7	4	65	9	180	2 50	1	7 00	2 00	3 60	2 57	....	17 67
New Brighton	I. B. Till	1	6	5	150	15	150	5 35	1	11 31	8 35	2 04	1 00	....	19 56
Franklin	Richard Brown	1	5	5	32	.....	100	2 67	1	23 04	4 17	.....	1 50	....	27 21
Erie	S. P. West	1	6	5	63	.....	183	1 00	.....	18 23	22 33	1 00	1 89	....	43 45
Meadville	P. A. Scott	1	7	5	49	52	300	5 00	1	19 52	9 95	3 61	1 34	....	20 47
Bridgewater Circuit	J. J. Norris	2	7	10	60	3	400	6 00	1	40 00	13 08	11 58	1 50	....	50 08
West Newton	H. G. Thomas	2	6	8	75	10	500	.....	1	45 95	1 00	.....	1 00	....	46 95
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	2	8	8	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	2 00	.....	2 00	....	22 00
Belleview Mission	Julius V. Page	1	6	4	50	6	76	1 50	.....	41 41	1 50	.....	.....	....	42 91
Wheeling, W. Va	R. H. Bumry	1	3	3	37	3	260	1 05	.....	32 65	3 55	.....	2 50	....	38 20
Cannonsburg	Carter Wright	2	13	10	190	8	415	8 60	2	93 51	31 00	8 60	6 34	....	124 00
Washington	R. H. Morris	1	15	7	200	15	200	12 45	2	85 30	18 55	.....	6 10	....	85 30
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	1	6	4	40	10	200	.....	.....	10 49	3 00	2 71	2 60	....	18 80
West Middletown	Alexander Smothers	2	8	8	48	5	45	2 60	2	38 87	3 00	2 00	2 50	....	47 07
Clarksburg, W. Va	W. H. Pride	1	5	6	60	6	136	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	....	20 00
Parkersburg, W. Va	J. W. Saunders	1	3	4	30	12	120	.....	.....	10 00	1 75	.....	1 75	....	11 75
Morgantown, W. Va	Eli McKnight	1	3	2	12	9	25	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	....	6 00
Weston Mission	M. S. Jones	2	5	5	38	11	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	....	13 00
Blacksville, Mission	L. A. Barber	1	3	5	20	1	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Beverly Circuit	Elijah Bazier	3	8	12	48	50	.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	....	16 00
	Total	67	354	336	3268	435	8523	194 13	27	$1575 59	$339 50	$294 05	113 24	....	$2266 59

Financial and Statistical Table of the Pittsburg Annual Conference. P. A. Scott. Statistical Secretary.

Charges.	Pastors.	Members.	Probatio'rs	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Churches.	Value.	Indebted-ness.	School Houses.	Value.	Parson-ages.	Value.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg	I. N. Ross	492	26	2	.....	1	$110000	$ 65 00				
East End, Pittsburg	W. S. Lowry	153	28	1	.....	1	12000	1600 00				
Altoona	J. P. Stephens	23	.....	.....	.....	1	10000	335 00				
Williamsport	Richard Tanner	137	1	.....	.....	1	2000	.....			1	$2500 00
Scranton	C. A. McGee	87	20	1	.....	1	3000	.....			1	2000 00
Wilkes-Barre	J. W. Jeffries	64	11	4	.....	1	7000	3402 05				
New Haven	C. N. Woodson	92	1	2	1	1	3000	210 00				
Bellefonte	H. A. Grant	64	4	.....	.....	1	2400	95 00				
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	40	3	2	.....	1	3000	841 85				
Lewistown	T. J. Simmons	32	2	2	.....	2	2700	709 27				
Philipsburg	R. M. Henderson	27	3	1	.....	2	2000	753 15				
Bedford	S. Christian	27	.....	2	.....	2	1500	280 54				
Montrose	O. T. Davis	20	5	1	.....	2	2100	27 00				
Bloomsburg Mission	Hutch. Johnson	43	1	1	.....	2	1800	94 75				
Greensburg	W. N. Young	23	1	.....	.....	1	1500	.....				
Homestead	A. E. Waldon	51	2	3	.....	2	4200	2231 93				
Tyrone Mission	Chas. Garner	14	.....	.....	.....	1	2000	1045 00				
Lock Haven	T. J. Askew	37	2	2	.....	2	1000	.....				
Bellevernon	Jno. W. Brown	26	.....	1	.....	1	100	.....				
Milton	Israel Holmes	12	.....	1	.....	2	2300	21 00			1	800 00
Brown Chapel, Allegheny	D. S. Bentley, D. D.	254	4	4	1	1	10000	777 25				
Chartiers, Allegheny	D. F. Caliman	110	1	2	.....	1	5000	1747 60			1	1500 00
South Side, Pittsburg	C. H. Brown	34	2	.....	.....	1	2500	111 83				
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	108	7	2	.....	2	3000	51 20			1	500 00
Bradford Circuit	G. G. Skinner	47	6	.....	.....	2	2500	39 00			1	300 00
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	120	4	2	.....	2	5000	75 00			1	800 00
Monongahela City	W. H. Coston	45	2	2	1	1	17000	3500 00				
Uniontown	W. C. Goens	90	2	1	.....	1	12000	5532 15				
Brownsville	J. M. Morris	90	4	1	.....	1	3000	86 00				
New Brighton	I. B. Till	58	17	.....	.....	1	3500	1373 70				
Franklin	Richard Brown	25	2	1	.....	1	1500	315 61			1	1000 00
Erie	S. P West	30	.....	1	1	1	1200	226 57				
Meadville	P. A. Scott	80	25	1	2	1	2000	112 33				
Bridgewater Circuit	J. J. Norris	46	1	.....	.....	2	2000	650 00				
West Newton Circuit	H. G. Thomas	40	8	1	.....	2	2675	550 60				
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	22	4	.....	.....	1	1000	371 00				
Belleview Mission	Julius V. Page	12	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Wheeling, W. Va	R. H. Bumry	32	3	1	.....	1	8000	850 00				
Cannonsburg	Carter Wright	184	18	1	1	1	5000	131 59			1	15 0 00
Washington	R. H. Morris	190	10	1	.....	1	12000	.....			1	1500 00
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	31	5	2	.....	1	2500	300 00				
Clarksburg, W. Va	W. H. Pride	47	3	1	.....	1	3500	846 91			1	2000 00
West Middletown	A. Smothers	44	4	.....	1	2	1000	200 00				
Parkersburg, W. Va	J. W. Saunders	36	.....	1	.....	1	2500	1975 00			1	500 00
Morgantown	Eli McKnight	6	.....	.....	.....	1	1000	.....				
Weston Mission	M. S Jones	17	.....	1	.....	1	1500	804 50				
Blacksville Mission	L. A. Barber	7	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....				
Beverley Ciruit	Elijah Bazier	45	50	.....	.....	3	2000	50 00				
	Total	3397	280	53	9	62	$275075	$33687 48			12	$13100 00

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WE WISH to call the attention of the members and friends of our churches to the advancement and progress of our people, as is evident by the many advertisements placed in our minutes, viz.: four lawyers practicing at the bar in Allegheny county, two practicing in Pittsburg; one successful dentist, who recently put a gold filling in Bishop Arnett's tooth, giving perfect satisfaction. With two fine undertaking establishments, viz.: Jackson, who has long been established, and Daniel Edwards, who is doing a successful business. W. H. Jones, a rising young business man, is doing well, having one of the finest business places on Wylie avenue. W. L. Branch also has a first-class restaurant and is succeeding. Abraham Winn has one of the finest shaving parlors on Wylie avenue, across from the church. Wm. Randall, of South Side, Pittsburg, is a successful dealer in glass, and has established himself in the heart of the business world. J. W. Peck, who has a well established business as a hair goods manufacturer, besides those of our white friends who have favored us with their ads, which, we hope, our friends will patronize.

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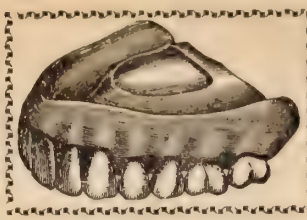
DENTIST  OFFICE,

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Rev David F. Caliman, Conference Secretary, was born and partially educated at Sett-settlement, Muskingum, Co., Ohio. Converted January 1873, entered the active ministry September 1883, joined the North Ohio Conference, ordained Deacon and Elder by Bishop Campbell. Prior to entering the ministry, taught public school eight years at Middleport, Ohio, Barnesville, Ohio and Troy, Ohio, respectively, during which time attended Normal School and private institutions. At Delaware, Ohio, where stationed as pastor four years, attended the Ohio Wesleyan University three years, transferred to Pittsburg Conference 1891, served the Chartiers Street A. M. E. Church, successfully four years, present appointment, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Williamsport, Pa.

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First Years Studies.

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Fourth Years Studies.

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Education.

C. Asbury, D.D., J. W. Gazaway, J. P. Wallace.

Sunday School Union.

J. P. Stephens, R. M. Henderson, G. W. Webster.

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W. S. Lowry, J. W. Jeffries, H. A. Grant,

Bible Cause.

A. Smothers, W. H. Pride, J. J. Norris.

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J. M. Morris, S. A. Lewis. E. A. Walden.

Church Publications.

J. W. Riley, R. H. Bumry, D. Newsom.

Circuits, Missions and Stations.

W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, D.D., J. W. Riley, C. A. McGee,

Mission Cause.

G. C. Sampson, S. C. Honesty, J. E. Morris,

Dollar Money.

B. Wheeler, Carter Wright, A. R. Palmer,

Church Extension.

J. W. Jeffries, W. N. Young, R. Brown,

Episcopal Residence.

G. G. Skinner, C. Wright, T. A. Green.

Presiding Elders' Allowance.

W. H. Pride, L. A. Barber, T. J. Askew.

Appropriations.

B. Wheeler, C. Wright, A. R. Palmer.

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Faith: Temperance: Godliness: Church Debts: Sunday Funerals: The General Rules of the Methodist Church System: Love Feast: The Sacrament. Every minister is expected to write on one of these varied topics.

MINUTES.

First Day—Morning Session.

WASHINGTON, PA., Oct., 8th., 1896.

The Twenty-ninth session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church assembled in St. Paul A. M. E. Church at 11 o'clock a.m. Bishop B. F. Lee, D.D., in the chair as presiding bishop, who stated that he was detained on account of the train being an hour or more late.

Presiding Elder Asbury announced hymn 295, "And are we yet alive." The same was heartily sung by the Conference, Rev. W. H. Brown, P.E. earnestly addressed a throne of grace. Bishop Lee led in singing "Guide me Oh, Thou Great Jehovah," Dr. T. W. Henderson, Manager of the Publishing Department, Philadelphia, read for the Scripture Lesson the 44th Psalm, Rev. J. W. Riley, P. E., conducted the Ritual Services.

Bishop Lee then said in substance that he was glad to greet the brethren. Knowing the most of them he trusted that they were all workers together with God. We are living in times of great changes and responsibilities, but no change is necessary that we should not be Christian gentlemen and spiritual ministers. He spoke of the power and great influence of the Connection. This, he thought, ought to characterize our motives and feeling; "God has made us same body." He thought that we are too easily satisfied respecting our condition. "We are a happy race," said he, "but we should not smile always, we should be thoughtful men; moreover he stated that this is not a "hard-times" Conference, but a Conference of hope and spiritual life.

Organization.

The Conference Roll was called by the secretary of the last conference and fifty-four members answered to their names—Rev. T. D. Scott, having been transferred to the North Ohio Annual Conference.

By motion it was ordered that Rev. David F. Caliman be re-elected Recording Secretary.

Revs. W. H. Palmer, and S. C. Honesty, were respectively nominated for engrossing secretary. Rev. W. H. Palmer having received the highest number of votes, was elected. Revs. P. A. Scott, J. W. Jeffries and S. P. West, were placed in nomination for statistical secretary. Rev. Scott, was elected.

By motion it was voted that Rev. S. P. West be correspondent to the "Christian Recorder," Rev. H. A. Grant, to the "Southern Christian Recorder," and Rev. J. W. Jeffries, be the official stenographer of the conference.

Rev. J. W. Sanders and C. W. Butts, were elected marshals of the conference.

By motion it was voted that the bar of the conference be fixed from the fourth seat from the altar.

Committee on Dollar Money.

By motion the following were elected as Dollar Money Committee viz: Revs. C. Wright, A. R. Palmer and B. Wheeler.

By motion it was ordered that the committees named in the circular be approved by the conference.

It was ordered by motion that the bishop appoint the Committee on Appropriations.

Introductions.

Rev. John Dickerson, of the North Ohio Annual Conference, stationed at Stubenville, Ohio; Dr. T. W. Henderson, Manager of the Publication Department, and Dr. J. G. Mitchell, of Payne Theological Seminary, were respectively introduced to the conference.

By motion it was voted that the time for conference sessions be from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

A resolution of greetings and endorsement of Bishop Lee was offered by Dr. D. S. Bentley, which was adopted unanimously, pending which Rev. W. H. Brown endorsed the resolution by some very appropriate remarks.

The conference then adjourned. Benediction by Dr. T. W. Henderson.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-assembled at 2.45 p. m. Bishop B. F. Lee, presiding. Opening devotional exercises consisting of singing, "I need Thee every hour." Prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel Cole.

The Bishop called for the presiding elders' reports. Presiding Elder W. H. Brown submitted a very elaborate report respecting the Pittsburgh district.

The report of the Wheeling district was made by Elder J. W. Riley. The report shows that a very good work has been done.

The Allegheny district was reported by Dr. Cornelius Asbury, P. E. The report shows progress.

The standing committee on reports are as follows:

On Education—J. M. Morris, S. C. Honesty, R. H. Morris.
On Circuits and Stations—C. Asbury, W. H. Brown, J. W, Riley.
On Sunday School Union—R. Tanner, R. M. Henderson, D. G. Cole.
On Memoirs—D. S. Bentley, D. F. Caliman, B. Wheeler.
On State and Church—C. Asbury, J. W. Riley, C. A. McGhee.
On Missions—W. S. Lowery, Lowery, G. C. Sampson, W. C. Gowens.
On Bible Cause—I. L. Till, A. Smothers, J. J. Morris.
On Episcopal Residence—G. G. Skinner, C. Wright, W. H. Coston.
On Temperance—I. N. Ross, S. Christian, B. Morgan.
On Extension—C. W. Woodson, D. Newsom, S. P. West.
On Presiding Elders' Allowance—H. A. Grant, G. W. Webster, A. R. Palmer.
On Publication Department—C. Asbury, I. N. Ross, W. H. Brown.
On Admission—G. C. Sampson, J. W. Riley, W. H. Palmer.
On First Year—G. G. Skinner, I. N. Ross, I. B. Till.
On Second Year—W. H. Brown, D. F. Caliman, B. Wheeler.
On Third Year—D. S. Bentley, W. S. Lowry, R. Tanner.
On Fourth Year—C. Asbury, J. M. Morris, W. H. Coston.

Brother J. H. Pangburn having been recommended by Elder Asbury, for Elder's Orders, he was requested to go before the committee and Rev. Goosley go before the committee on Admission. Rev. D. S. Bentley, objected to Rev. Goosley; the same was deferred till to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Public Worship to wit: W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, J. W. Riley, R. H. Morris.

On motion it was voted that the Contingent Committee be R. H. Morris, S. P. West, W. H. Palmer.

By motion it was voted that Rev. W. S. Lowry be Conference Treasurer.

Dr. Henderson made some very encouraging remarks with reference to the Publishing Department, which was well received.

Rev. R. A. Sealy from the Barbados, West Indies and Moses L. Nettles were introduced to the conference; the latter having been transferred from the North Ohio Conference.

The hour for adjournment having arrived. Benediction was pronounced by Dr. Asbury.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference re-convened at 8 p.m., to hear the annual sermon, by Rev. Richard Tanner of Allegheny City, Pa.

The meeting was opened by devotional exercises comprising singing hymn 271, "Jesus the name high over all," etc., by the choir and congregation. Rev. C. Wright earnestly addressed a throne of grace. The choir sang, "Come weal, come woe," etc. Bishop Lee made some very potent remarks with reference to the necessity of preaching at annual conferences, emphasizing the need of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Tanner having been introduced by Bishop Lee, chose for his text, "For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." Col. ii: 9. Subject "The fulness of Christ." The sermon was logical and well delivered. On motion it was voted that it is the sense of the Conference that the sermon delivered by Rev. Richard Tanner was a very fine one. At the conclusion of the sermon Rev. Goens of Uniontown lead in prayer. The choir sang beautifully, "Wonderful is the Saviour." The Finance Committee lifted a collection amounting to $10.33.

The Conference sang, "At the Cross where I first saw the light." After some announcement by the Bishop respecting the contemplated educational meeting on tomorrow night. He said, "Our own Church is responsible very largely for the education of the people of our country. The doxology was sung and benediction by Rev. Tanner.

Second Day—Morning Session.

Conference opened at 9 a. m., Bishop Lee in the chair. Opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. P. Stephens, who announced hymn, "O for a heart to praise my God," followed with a fervent prayer by Rev. John Dickerson of Stubenville, Ohio. Singing, "Come Thou fount of every blessing," &c. Rev. Stephens read the 13th chapter of 1 Cor., following with the Ritual service. "Saviour more than life to me," was sung. The minutes of previous session were read and approved after necessary corrections.

It was ordered that Rev. S. C. Goosley's application for admission be referred to the committee. To this Dr. Bentley objected on the following grounds: 1. That Brother Goosley comes recommended by a quarterly conference that had no opportunity to know him properly. 2. The fact of him having belonged to so many connections. 3. That he is too advanced in age.

W. H. Brown made remarks with reference to Bro. Goosley's work, and retiring from the Meadville charge, stating that he had spent all his life in the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Ross spoke in favor of the motion. D. S. Bently called the conference's attention to the record of its twenty-fourth annual session, which refers to the case.

Rev. Sampson opposed the motion, upon the ground that Brother Goosley's record was not clean. Rev. J. M. Morris, spoke to the same purpose. "The church to-day wants a clean ministry. W. H. Brown again spoke in defense of the motion, stating that the charges against Brother Goosley were rumors. W. S. Lowry opposed the motion. After which the vote was taken and the motion lost.

Resolutions with respect to the reception meeting were offered by H. A Grant. The same was adopted.

Rev. R. B. Mansell, of the M. E. Church, was introduced to the conference and invited to sit within the bar.

Rev. Goosley by permission made some remarks, stating that the brethren were not correctly posted and his record was as clear as any man's, saving rumors.

A motion passed that the conference print 1000 minutes and that the same be published by the A. M. E. Publishing Department. The conference then adjourned. Benediction by Rev. P. A. Scott.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference opened at 2 p.m., Bishop B. F. Lee in the chair. "Draw me nearer was sung and Brother P. Bowman led in prayer. The reports of the respective charges were called for beginning with the Pittsburgh district, Wheeling district and the Alleghany district which were reported in order. Rev. James I. Bronson, D.D., of the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, Pa., was introduced and invited to sit within the bar. Mrs Amanda Smith Evangelist of the A. M. E. Church was introduced to the Conference; Sister Smith made some very potent remarks which were well received. Bishop Lee said that he had been highly honored by visits from Bishops, Mayors and Judges; but he was never more pleased, not to say honored, than by the presence of Sister Smith. The hour for adjournment having arrived the benediction was pronounced by D. F. Caliman.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened at 8 o'clock p.m., Bishop B. F. Lee, in the chair. Opening exercises consisting of singing hymn: "O for a thousand tongues to sing," announced by Rev. R. A. Sealy, prayer by Rev. Father W. G. Ralph, singing "Hark in the voice."

Education Anniversary.

Bishop Lee prefaced this meeting with some very thoughtful remark upon the work and necessity of education. "We owe the duty of Education to our fathers, to ourselves and to our children. Many regard it as unnecessary, as colored people, to maintain an institution of learning." "We feel that every man of the race is bound to be on our side."

Rev. J. M. Morris, submitted the report on Education, at the conclusion of which Bishop Lee called attention to the three resolutions to wit:

1.—The Indebtedness of Payne Theological Seminary must be eliminated.

2.—That the conference will do all that it can do to liquidate the debt.

3.—That each minister organize a Twentieth Century Club for the purpose of raising money for said purpose.

Each of the above were adopted as a whole.

Dr. J. G. Mitchell, Dean of Payne Theological Seminary was introduced, who made a very earnest and eloquent address, confining his remarks, more particularly to the work and influence of Wilberforce University and Christian Education. Singing "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Report of Subscriptions and cash raised for Wilberforce University by the Pittsburgh Conference.

Name	Subscribed.	Cash.
Bishop B. F. Lee	$25.00	$10.00
Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E	25.00	10.00
" Cornelius Asbury, D.D.	25.00	
" John W. Riley.	15.00	
" Benjamin Wheeler	20.00	
" W. S. Lowry	20.00	5.00
" J. J. Norris	5.00	
" Richard Brown	5.00	1.00
" R. H. Morris	15.00	
" G. G. Skinner	10.00	5.00
" I. B. Till, B.D.	5.00	
" H. A. Grant	5.00	
" Sandy Christian	5.00	
" S. C. Honesty	3.00	
" Hutchison Johnson		
" Carter Wright	5.00	
" H. G. Thomas	5.00	
" G. C. Sampson	25.00	
" D. F. Caliman, B.D.	15.00	
" J. M. Morris	8.00	
" R. Tanner	5.00	2.00
" D. S. Bently, D.D.	25.00	5.00
" I. N. Ross	20.00	1.00
" Alex. Smothers	5.00	
" W. N. Young	5.00	
" R. M. Henderson	5.00	2.00
" L. A. Barber		2.00
" A. C. Waldon	5.00	
" C. W. Woodson	5.00	2.00
" C. A. McGee	25.00	
" O. T. Davis	5.00	
" Daniel Cole	5.00	
" W. H. Costen, B. D	25.00	
" Daniel Newsom	5.00	

Name	Subscribed	Cash
" George W. Webster	5.00	1.00
" W. H. Pride	5.00	1.00
" P. A. Scott	10.00	
" J. W. Jeffries	10.00	2.00
" T. J. Simmons	5.00	
" J. P. Stephens	5.00	
" W. C. Goens	5.00	1.00
" S. P. West	5.00	
" A. R. Palmer	5.00	
" Charles Garner	5.00	
" S. C. Goosley	5.00	
" C. N. Butts	5.00	
" R. H. Bumry	10.00	2.00
" Eli McKnight	5.00	
" J. H. Pangburn	5.00	1.00
" T. B. Taylor	5.00	1.00
" J. P. Wallace, B.D.	5.00	2.00
" J. W. Sanders	5.00	1.00
" W. H. Palmer, M.D.	25.00	5.00
" J. E. Morris	5.00	
" Peter Bowman	15.00	
" T. J. Askew	5.00	
" D. K. Davis	5.00	1.00
" Elijah Bazier	10.00	1.00
" T. A. J. West	5.00	
" M. S. Jones	10.00	
" L. A. Barber	2.00	
" J. W. Brown	5.00	
" C. H. Arnold	5.00	3.60
A. M. E. Choir, Washington, Pa	25.00	
Rev. S. A. Lewis	5.00	
" J. A. Lotabery	5.00	
Mrs. Martha I. Gorden, Erie, Pa	10.00	
" Mamie Smothers	5.00	1.00
" Peter Bryan	1.00	1.00
" Mary C. Matthews	1.00	25
Miss Etta Caldwell	5.00	
" Clemens J. Boyd	5.00	
" Ida Jackson	2.00	
" Laura Skinner	5.00	
Mrs. J. Carter	5.00	
Steubenville	5.00	
Mrs. E. V. Johnson, Tyrone, Pa		5.00
Mrs. Maggie Joiner	5.00	
" E. J. Scott, Uniontown	5.00	
Mr. Omattox		1.00
Solomon Albert	1.00	
Jonathan Davis	1.00	
Washington, Pa	1.00	
Sophia Lee, Clarksburg, Va	2.00	
Guy Jefferson, Washington, Pa	2.00	
G. R. Grayson, Pittsburg	2.00	
Amanda Smith	5.00	
C. H. Matthews, 255 N. Franklin, St., Washington, Pa	5.00	
Mrs. Emma Morris, Sewickley, Pa	1.00	

Name	Subscribed	Cash
Mrs. Williams, Alleghany, Pa	1.00	1.00
J. S. Eaton	5.00	
McAnderson	2.00	
S. A. Lewis	5.00	
B. Morgan	5.00	
Total	$710.00	$79.25

(NOTE).—Send money to Bishop Lee, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, the evangelist, made mention of her laudable endeavor in the erecting of an Orphan's Home at Chicago, Ill., desiring to place the same on a good financial basis, the Lord, when on her knees suggested the sum of $5,000.00. From October 1st., 1895 $800 have come in already. "God will not allow a man or woman fail who put their confidence in Him and trust Him."

The conference adjourned with doxolgy and benediction by Dr. J. G. Mitchell.

Third Day—Morning Session.

Conference opened at 9 a. m., Bishop B. F. Lee in the chair. Opening services conducted by the Bishop, who read the 97th Psalm, after which he led in an earneet and helpful prayer. Singing, "All the way my Saviour leads me."

The minutes of the previous session were read and after necessary corrections, were adopted.

The committee on Public Worship made its report, which was adopted.

Resolution with respect to Education, Dr. Mitchell and Sister Amanda Smith, were submitted and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Mitchel stated that four other conferences have adopted the above plan to relieve the University, viz:—Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and North Ohio. Its purpose is to have two meetings during the year.

Rev. Matthew Rutherford, of the Presbyterian church was introduced to the conference.

The committee on Admission submitted their report by Dr. Palmer. A motion to adopt the report was substituted by a motion to recommend the report to the committee. Carried.

The report of the committee on First Year's Studies was submitted by Rev. G. G. Skinner; the same was adopted.

The report of the committee on Second Year's Studies was submitted by Rev. W. H. Brown. The report was adopted.

It was voted by motion that all committees on examination and all candidates for examination meet at 10 a. m., the day before the sitting of the annual conference.

The committee on Fourth Year's Studies reported by Rev. Coston; the same was adopted.

The following brethren were elected to Elders' Orders, to wit:—R. H. Bumry, T. A. J. West, J. H. Pangburn.

The report on Admission was again submitted, which was adopted with the following being admitted on trial:—J. W. Hays and S. A. Lewis.

M. L. Nettles, was transferred from the North Ohio Conference. "I am thine," was sung and Dr. Parks, Secretary of Missions led in prayer.

A motion prevailed that F. E. Bowser, of Pittsburgh, be elected to the scholarship of Wilberforce University.

The committee on Episcopal Residence, submitted their report by G G. Skinner. The same was adopted.

The committee on Appropriations to wit:—W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, J. W. Riley, J. P. Wallace.

A resolution was offered to send greetings to the convention of the W. C. T. U., in session at Pittsburg, Pa., carried and a committee of three were appointed, viz:—C. Asbury, W. H. Brown, and W. H. Coston.

The conference adjourned with benediction by J. W. Jeffries.

The Conference Missionary meeting was next in order. After which conference resumed business.

Rev. Hutchison Johnson being absent from the conference, a committee comprising the pastors stationed at Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Mt. Rose, Milton and Williamsport, were elected to investigate the matter.

By motion it was voted that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the matter of Rev. C. H. Brown, who having left home during the last year. The committee are to wit: G. C. Sampson, B. Morgan, B. Wheeler, Charles McGee and J. M. Morris.

On motion it was voted that Israel Holmes be discontinued from the roll.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-convened at 2 o'clock, Bishop Lee in the chair. Opening services consisted in singing, "A charge to keep I have," announced by C. W. Woodson, who led in prayer. "Jesus keep me near the cross" was sung, Rev. S. Christian prayed, then Brother Jesse P. Q. Wallace, was duly received into full connection by the Bishop.

The conference then suspended business for the Conference Mite Missionary meeting. Vice Presidents, Mrs. I. N. Ross, and Mrs. J. W. Batch, were introduced and took their places on the rostrum. Mrs. Amanda Smith, the evangelist, by invitation sat on the rostrum. The meeting was opened by reading the 37th Psalm by Mrs. Batch, Mrs. Ross then introduced Sister A. Smith, who announced, "A charge to keep I have" the same was heartily sung and prayer was offered by Sister Smith; singing, "When Israel out of bondage come." The basis of Sister Smith's remarks were from the citation, "God is able to make all grace abound." She said in substance and in part, God is able to give all necessary power for all thing. Multiply your gifts by contributing in the name and for the glory of God. We should be consecrated for all work; entire sanctification enable one to rightly appropriate God's promises, this longing or thirsting for God is not that we have not been converted, but that we may be filled and enlarged and not backslide and get cranky; but go down, go up, go ahead. We want to learn to stand still by faith and see God do it, and put his His own hand on it. You cannot be too fully consecrated to God and this work. Mrs. Batch afterwards made some appropriate remarks, urging upon the brethren to see that a Mite Missionary Society is organized in their respective charges.

The following paid dues 50 cents each: Madames M. E. Lee, L. A. Lowry, Mahala A. Sampson, Sarah H. West, Mamie R. Ross, Rebecca M. Morris, S. A. Bentley, Cornelia Scott, R. H. Morris, Louisa S. Asbury, I. B. Till, Arline Newsom, Laura A. Lee, Jennie Bumry, Francis E. Taylor, W. H. Brown, Emma B. Waldon, V. M. Caliman, Mary M. Simmons, S. Christian, R. M. Henderson, Jennse A. Goines, E. J. Pride, W. N. Young, Arie Butts, L. A. Morris, Ruth McGee, J. E. Morris, Nancy Tanner, Irene Askew, A. E. Jeffries, D. G. Cole, Mamie Smothers, Martha Palmer, J. W. Sanders, J. W. Riley, Sarah Wright,

H. A. Grant, Mary Garner, Dora West, Annie T. Davis, Malvina L. Norris, Anna E. Stephens, M. J. Webster, Della Woodson, Elizabeth Wheeler, S. C. Honesty, G. G. Skinner, M. E. Brown, Katie Thomas, John Mosely, Julia R. Coston, Laura Skinner, E. I. Johnson, and the Misses Ida Jackson, Emma Baker; Dr. Spears, $1.00; collection $4.67; total $32.92. The same by motion was turned over to the conference treasurer.

The following are officers of the Mite Missionary Convention of the Pittsburg Conference: Mrs. Georgiana Johnson, President; Mrs. Mamie Ross; First Vice President; Mrs. J. W. Batch, Second Vice President; Mrs. D. S. Bently, Third Vice President; Mrs. Nettie Richards, Secretary; Mrs. Agnes Vactor, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lydia Lowry, Treas. Executive Board: Madames A. Queen, D. Scott, B. Aldridge, C. Lucas.

Conference then adjourned, benediction by Dr. C. Asbury.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference convened at 8 p. m., Bishop Lee in the chair. Devotional service conducted by Rev. C. A. McGee, "Nearer my God to thee," was sung and prayer by Rev. McGee. "Saviour more than life to me" was sung.

The conference went into a Historical Literary meeting and after which resumed business.

The committee on Second Year's Studies submitted a supplimentary report recommending Brother Thomas Chambers, of Chartiers Street A. M. E. Church, Allegheny, Pa., to Local Deacons Orders. The same was adopted. Conference then adjourned, benediction by H. A. Grant.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

An inspiring praise meeting was held from 10 to 11 a. m., led by Mrs. Amanda Smith. The services commenced at 11 a. m., Bishop B. F. Lee presiding. Devotional exercises conducted by W. J. Johnson, D.D. Columbus, Ohio., "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," was announced and heartily sung. Rev. Isaac N. Ross, led in an earnest prayer; "Send the Light," was sung by the choir. Rev. T. W. Henderson, D.D., of Philadelphia, read the 28th chapter of Isaiah for the scripture lesson. Rev. H. B. Parks, Secretary of Missions, led in the Ritual services. Bishop Lee, read the 6th chapter of Galatians, and chose for his text the 10th verse: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

PROPOSITIONS.

1.—The power and influence of the church to all men and to all things.

2.—The power and utility of the ministry, who "are to the world the Saviour of life unto life."

At the conclusion of this most powerful and practical sermon, Rev. C. Wright, led in prayer; the choir sang "One soul for Jesus." A collection of $39.42, was taken.

Ordinations.

Then followed the ordination of Deacons: Joseph Edward Morris and Thomas Benjamin Chambers, were duly ordained by Bishop Lee, presented by Revs. W. H. Brown, D. F. Canman and B. Wheeler.

The ordination of Richard Henry Bumry, Thomas Andrew Jackson West and James Harvey Pangburn, to the order of Elders, was duly accomplished by Bishop Lee assisted by Dr. C. Asbury, W. H. Coston, J. M. Morris and Dr. D. S. Bentley. The Holy Communion being consecrated by J. W. Riley. This most precious service closed with doxology and benediction by Dr. W. J. Johnson.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

Meeting opened at 3. p. m., Bishop Lee presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. Tanner, of Allegheny, Pa., "Spirit Divine attend our prayers," was sung. Rev. W. J. Johnson, D.D., of Columbus, Ohio, led in a fervent prayer. The choir sang, "Nearer Christ to thee."

Bishop Lee, said, "we have a great occasion, a great opportunity, a great personage, Mrs. Amanda Smith, one of the greatest women of the age, having traveled over three continents." Having been introduced Mrs. Smith, read the 17th chapter of John. "This is the intercessory prayer in which Jesus prays for his people, his followers." After a very practical, definite and impressive exhortation, combined with a pointed personal testimony with reference to her entire sanctification, an altar service followed resulting in the baptism of several precious souls, ministers and laymen. Collection $9.07. Benediction by the Bishop.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Before the services opened, Bishop Lee baptized two children to wit:—Arnetta Lee Coston and Jessie Marguerite West, responser I. N. Ross.

Services commenced at 8 p. m., Bishop Lee, presiding. Rev. H. B. Parks, announced hymn, "How can a sinner know." Rev. Morgan, led in prayer, singing by the choir, "Keep me near thy blessed side." Rev. T. W. Henderson, D.D., Manager of the Publication Department, having been introduced by the Bishop, chose for his text 34th Psalm 4, "I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears." The following points were prominent in the sermon.

1.—Personal, and experimental salvation.
2.—The awful reality, and destiny of the soul.
3. —The burden, and prayer for loved ones unsaved.
4.—The entreaties of compassionate love.
5.—The necessity of personal effort.
6.—Vital piety on the part of preachers and laity.
7.—Security for heaven obtained in this life.

"Send the name on ahead." Many stood for prayer, during the earnest entreaties of the speaker and while "Almost persuaded" was being sung, forty two came to the altar and shook hands with the Bishop and Dr. Henderson. Eighteen came forward and joined the church. Bishop Lee, gave them some earnest words of counsel and cheer. "Saviour more than life to me," was sung. Collection $29.31. Total for the day $76.30.

Bishop Lee said, "I want to compliment the pastor, and the choir of this church, because they sing what the people can sing."

Sister Smith, said, "I want you to remember and pray for my Orphan Home work." The doxology was sung, benediction by Dr. Henderson.

Fifth Day—Morning Session.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Lee, in the chair. Rev. Charles Garner, announced hymn, "What is our calling's glorious hope." After singing he lead in prayer and conducted the ritual services.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and adopted.

A motion to reconsider that part of the record referring to Brother Goosley, was made by C. A. McGee, after some discussion the motion was by vote laid on the table.

A resolution with respect to Mrs. Amanda Smith, the evangelist, was offered by Rev. R. H. Bumry, and adopted.

Dr. Asbury, having given notice on the reading of the journal, respecting the case of C. H. Brown, moved that so much of the action of a previous session, which referred to C. H. Brown be reconsidered. By common consent the motion was withdrawn.

D. S. Bentley, Book Steward submitted his report, which was adopted.

Report on Stations, Circuits, and Missions, was submitted by C. Asbury, and adopted by sections.

A motion prevailed to strike out in section 1, the words "to be divided," and each place to be known as a mission.

A motion to detach Duquesne from Homestead and be known as Duquesne Mission was made and after a discussion, was adopted.

A motion prevailed to detach Belle Vernon from Charleroi and be known as Belle Vernon Mission.

A motion prevailed that Martinsburg be placed on the list of appointments in the Wheeling District.

The reports were adopted as a whole. Conference adjourned, benediction by Rev. I. N. Ross.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock Bishop Lee, in the chair, Rev. Sanders, announced the hymn "O for a closer walk with God," and after singing, M. L. Nettles, led in prayer.

On motion it was voted that the conference appropriate $10.00 for Mrs. Amanda Smith's, Orphan Home.

Rev. F. D. Taylor, of the Illinois Conference, was introduced to the conference.

Rev. Thomas A. Green's transfer was announced and he was introduced to the conference.

Resolutions by H. A. Grant, were submitted with reference to Dr. T. W. Henderson and Rev. H. B. Parks. Pending their adoption Dr. C. Asbury, made a speech endorsing these men in their work. The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Rev. D. R. McDonald, of the Presbyterian church of Canonsburg, was introduced and made some potent remarks.

The following committees were appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by the conference:

Board of Sunday School Union:—J. W. Jeffries, W. S. Lowry, D. Newsom. Layman: Brother Porter, Scranton; Brother C. A. Jenkins, Uniontown.

Board of Church Extension:—W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, J. W. Riley. Layman: W. A. Billows, Pittsburg, C. H. Franklin, Erie.

Board of Trustees to Wilberforce University:—G. C. Sampson, time expires 1897; D. F. Cahman, time expires 1899; I. B. Till, time expires 1900. Laymen: W. M. Baker, time expires 1897; Henry Smith, time expires 1900. Permanent Trustees: W. H. Brown, D. S. Bentley, D.D., W. S. Lowry.

Board of Missions:—P. A. Scott, S. P. West, S. Christian.

Board of Education:—W. H. Coston, C. A. McGee, R. Tanner. Laymen: Samuel Pratt, Meadville; Layton Morris, Leachdale.

Missionary Committeeman:—Dr. C. Asbury.

The report on Missions was submitted by Rev. W. S. Lowry.

Pending its adoption, Rev. R. A. Sealy, after having been introduced, made some very encouraging remarks

Rev. W. H. Brown endorsed the report. The report was adopted.

The women of the Mite Missionary Society were introduced to the Conference, viz: Mrs. Georgiana Johnson, President of Mite Missionary Convention, of Pittsburg Conference; Mrs. M. R. Ross, First Vice President; Mrs. J. W. Batch, Second Vice President; Madames R. Aldridge, Lane, H. Solomon, A. Quinn, Spriggs, Jefferson, L. Lacy, Harris, M. White, Bryant, Washington, Greenly, Scott, Mull, Butler, Smothers, R. H. Morris and Warfield.

Some very potent remarks were made by Mrs. Gracie P. Offer, Dr. Scott, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Ida Riley, and G. Johnson.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, upon the eve of taking her departure for other fields, made some remarks and sang a favorite hymn. As she passed out of the Church the Conference sang, "Meet me there."

Rev. Dr. Spears, of the Presbyterian Church, returned Missionary from China, was invited to the rostrum and made some very inspiring remarks:

"I am glad to be here this evening" said he, and spoke of the great privilege he recently had of seeing and shaking hands with that distinguished gentleman and statesman, the Emporer of China. He told of one Mr. Butler, a colored man, who went from America to foreign lands, and he becoming one of the most trusted friends of the present Emporer. He spoke to show what God would do with and for man. This colored man went out in this foreign land with his hands in God's hand. That woman who just left here, Sister Amanda Smith, I imagine I can see her 25 or 30 years ago in Lancaster county as she informed us yesterday, then as I think of what she has done and is doing for God, not only in this country as well as in foreign lands. The work in which we are all engaged is for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom with the spirit of the blessed Christ who can and will do much for us if we put ourselves fully and wholly and completely in His hands.

At the close of the Drs. remarks, he presented the Bishop with a small Chinese coin, saying as he presented it accept this, sir, it may serve you in your addresses on this work along that line. The Bishop received the little coin saying, "I cannot receive it without just saying a word and that as I take it I trust I may be directed by the Holy Spirit as to the most profitable way it may be used.

Rev. John C. Coleman, of the Ontario Conference, was then introduced, after which the Conference adjourned. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. C. Coleman.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 7.45 p. m., with Bishop Lee in the chair.

Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D., announced hymn No. 229, and after singing led in prayer.

Rev. H. B. Parks, Secretary of Missions, being introduced, spoke of the one great object of the Christian Church,—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He said that 75 per cent. of the appointments in our Church are Missions. "Man is the instrument in the hands of God to bring man to Him." "The Gospel of the Master is the Gospel of Love."

Rev. R. A. Sealey spoke pointedly upon the subject of Missions, and lifted a collection of $19.98, during which time spirited hymns were heartily sung.

Conference resolved itself into Preachers' Aid Society, and after attending to the business of the same, again resumed Conference business.

The Judges of the Historical Literary Society submitted their report on Essays. See report.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. H. B. Parks.

Sixth Day—Morning Session.

Conference convened at 9.15 o'clock, Rev. B. Wheeler, in the chair. Rev. W. H. Pride announced hymn, "Jesus great Shepherd of the sheep," and after singing led in prayer, "I have a shepherd, one I love so well," was sung, the 14th chapter of John was read and ritual services ensued.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The report on Temperance was submitted by Rev. Ross. Pending its adoption, a spirited discussion ensued by the following to wit:—J. P. Stephens, W. H. Coston, W. H. Brown. (Rev. J. P. Stephens said that he comes in contact with rum breaths in this conference, a subsequent statement was to the effect, that he did not mean the ministry). G. C. Sampson, D. F. Caliman, J. M. Morris and C. A. McGee. The discussion involved the disuse not only of liquor, but tobacco, snuff, opium, chewing gum &c. Rev. Ross, spoke pointedly in defense of the report, advocating a clear cut ideal spirit of temperance through the blood of Jesus. A motion by Dr. Asbury, to recommit the report to the committee, pending the adoption; Rev. Bentley, opposed the motion; Dr. Asbury, defended the motion. The motion passed.

Rev. M. Shepherd, of the M. P. Church, was introduced.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

This service of solemn import was commenced by Rev. B. Wheeler announcing the hymn, "Servant of God, well done." After singing, Rev. W. H. Brown led in a feeling prayer.

The report was submitted by Dr. D. S. Bentley. Pending its adoption Rev. I. N. Ross paid respect to the life and work of J. P. Paige. D. F. Caliman spoke with reference to Enoch Gilchrist, Local Deacon. Dr. C. Asbury and Rev. W. H. Brown paid marked tributes to the life and work of the late Bishop Alexander W. Wayman. The report was adopted. See report.

The Conference sang, "We'll never say good-by," and "Looking this way." Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. S. Lowry.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 2.30, with Bishop Lee in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. Coston.

The report on Bible Cause was submitted by Rev. I. B. Till. The report was modified and made to read that a sermon be preached on the Bible, and a collection be taken up for the Bible Cause on the second Sunday in Nov. On motion of Rev. Brown, it was voted that the $26.00 left in the treasury of the Committee on Bible Cause be turned over into the hands of the Treasurer. Carried.

The reviewing and correcting of Statistics then ensued.

By common consent it was agreed to hold Preachers' Aid meeting on Wednesday morning.

Conference then adjourned with the benediction by Rev. S. C. Honesty.

EVENING SESSION.

"Before Jehovah's awful throne," announced by Rev. R. A. Sealey and after singing Rev. H. B. Parks led in prayer. "Hark the voice of Jesus calling," was sung. The 48th Psalm was read. The report on Temperance was again submitted by Rev. I. N. Ross. Pending its adoption several of the members spoke to the cause of Temperance. The report was adopted. Rev. W. J. Johnson, D.D., of Columbus, Ohio, having been assigned to speak on the work of the Sunday School Union, was deferred by reason of the continued discussion of Temperance.

The report on Dollar Money by Rev. B. Wheeler submitted and adopted. See report.

Received in the Pittsburg District	$663.10
Received in the Allegheny District	626.10
Received in the Wheeling District	252.83
Total	$1,542.03

The report on Missionary Contributions reported by Rev. W. C. Goens was adopted.

Contingent committee by motion paid to Conference Treasurer $115.60.

Church Extension reported by Rev. D. Newsom was adopted. See report.

Motion prevailed to strike out the recommendation with reference to the Church at Altoona,

By motion it was ordered that $19.98 be regarded as special Foreign Missionary contributions.

By motion it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to locate the place of Rev. C. H. Brown, and assigned him to the Quarterly Conference, South Side, Pittsburg.

The report on Presiding Elder's Allowance, submitted by Rev. H. A. Grant was adopted.

By motion Conference adjourned; benediction by Bishop Lee.

Seventh Day—Morning Session.

Conference opened at 9.15, W. H. Brown, P.E., in the chair. C. W. Wright announced the hymn; after singing led in prayer; ritual services next ensued. The minutes were read and adopted.

By common consent a bill of Rev. R. H. Morris' was ordered to go before the executive board.

The report on Missions, submitted by S. P. West, was adopted after discussion.

W. H. Brown vacated the chair and D. S. Bentley assumed it.

A motion prevailed that the ministers comfortably furnish parsonages and if possible purchase the same on their respective charges.

Resolutions respecting the South Carolina convention with reference to the higher education of the Negro was submitted, discussed and adopted.

By motion it was voted that D. S. Bentley be Book Steward, and that the secretaries comprise the Publishing Committee.

By motion it was voted that the next Annual Conference be held at the Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church, East End, Pittsburg.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we the members of the Pittsburg Conference are in the fullest sympathy with the members of St. Phillip's A. M. E. Church, of Atlanta, Ga., in the loss of their church in the recent storm and that we render all possible aid in our power.

W. C. Goens, B.D.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Charles Garner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

With Bishop Lee presiding, the Conference resumed business at 2.30, after singing, "He is just the same to-day."

The report on Church and State was submitted by Dr. Asbury, and after a brief discussion, was adopted.

The recommendation with reference to appropriation to Mrs. J. P. Paige, was arrested on its passage.

The committee on appropriations reported. Adopted.

A resolution with respect to Cuba was submitted and adopted.

The committee on Church Extension reported. Adopted.

The matter with reference to the Altoona Church, by common consent, was sent to the committee.

The disciplinary questions were next considered.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

FINANCE.

1.—Dollar Money, $1,466.33.
2.—Pastoral Support, $20,743.40.
3.—Presiding Elder's. $2,050.19.
4.—Contingent purposes, $127.69.
5.—For Bible Cause, $26.10.
6.— { For Missionary purposes, $480.55. / By Mite Societies, $401.09.
7.—For Charity, $995.15.

8.—For Education, $341.77.
9.—Forty per cent. Money, $586.53.
10.—For Sunday School, $1,534 90.
11.—{ Church Extension, $110.95.
{ Sunday School Union, $113.57.

STATISTICS.

12.—*a*, Number of Members, 3323.
b, " Probationers, 216.
c, " Local Preachers, 55.
d, " Exhorters, 8.
e, " Churches, 60.
f, Value of Churches, $319,160 00.
g, Number of School Houses, ———
h, " Parsonages, 16
i, Value of Parsonages, $25,300.00.

13.—S. A. Lewis, M. L. Nettles, and J. W. Hayes.
14.—E. Bazier, Eli McKnight, T. J. Askew, M. S. Jones, J. W. Brown, J. E. Morris, J. S. Eaton, C. N. Butts.
15.—Jesse P. Wallace.
16.—E. Bazier, J. P. Wallace, J. E. Morris, T. J. Askew, Eli McKnight, M. S. Jones, J. W. Brown.
17.—J. E. Morris, Deacon; R. H. Bumry and T. A. J. West, Elders.
18.—Henry M. Turner, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abram Grant, Benjamin F. Lee, Moses B. Salter, James A. Handy, William B. Derrick, James C. Embry, and Joseph Armstrong.
19.—A. E. Waldon, Wm. H. Palmer, M. D.
20.—W. G. Ralph.
21.—C. H. Brown.
22.—None from this Conference.
23.—All found to stand fair except C. H. Brown and H. Johnson.
24.—Julius P. Paige and Enoch Gilchrist, L. D.
25.—See list of appointments.
27.—East End, Pittsburg, Pa.
28.—At the time appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

Resolutions of thanks respecting the Press, Choir, R. H. Morris and wife, etc., were offered, and unanimously adopted.

The appointments were read as follows:

APPOINTMENTS.

Pittsburg District.

Rev. William H. Brown, Presiding Elder.

Pittsburg, Wylie Avenue.....John W. Gazaway
" East End.....W. S. Lowry
Altoona.....W. N. Young
Williamsport.....D. F. Caliman
Scranton.....H. A. Grant
Wilkes Barre.....Wm. C. Goens
New Haven.....J. M. Morris

Bellefonte ..... C. W. Woodson
Braddock ..... S.C. Honesty
Lewistown ..... J. S. Eaton
Philipsburg ..... R. M. Henderson
Bedford ..... J. P. Stephens
Montrose ..... J. W. Brown
Bloomsburg ..... J. W. Hayes
Greensburg ..... Owen T. Davis
Homestead ..... G. G. Skinner
Tyrone Mission ..... W. H. Coston
Milton Mission ..... } C. N. Butts
Pittston " ..... }
Lock Haven ..... Charles Garner
Mt. Pleasant ..... S. A. Lewis

Allegheny District.

Rev. Cornelius Asbury, D.D., Presiding Elder.

Brown's Chapel, Allegheny ..... R. H. Morris
Chartiers " ..... Richard Tanner
South Side, Pittsburg ..... M. S. Jones
Monongahela City ..... T. A. Green
Brownsville ..... Richard Brown
Uniontown ..... J. W. Jeffries
New Brighton ..... I. B. Till
Meadville ..... P. A. Scott
Franklin ..... S. P. West
Oil City ..... G. C. Sampson
Elizabeth ..... B. Wheeler
Bridgewater ..... J. J. Norris
Bradford ..... C. A. McGee
West Newton Circuit ..... T. J. Askew
Bellevue Mission ..... M. L. Nettles
Charleroi ..... G. W. Webster
Sewickley ..... J. P. Wallace
McKeesport ..... A. R. Palmer
Belle Vernon ..... T. A. J. West
Olean, N. Y ..... J. E. Morris

Wheeling District.

Rev. John W. Riley, Presiding Elder.

Wheeling, W. Va ..... R. M. Bumry
Washington ..... D. S. Bentley
Canonsburg ..... C. Wright
Waynesburg ..... D. Newsom
Parkersburg, W. Va ..... T. B. Jessups
Clarksburg, " ..... W. H. Pride
Morgantown " ..... Sandy Christian
Boone " ..... M. C. Harris
West Middletown ..... D. G. Cole
Beverley, W. Va ..... E. Bazier
Weston Mission, W. Va ..... A. Smothers
Sisterville Mission ..... L. A. Barber
Manington ..... T. J. Simmons
McGovern ..... Eli McKnight
Charlestown ..... F. Taylor
Ceredo Mission ..... J. C. Turner

TRANSFERS.

Isaac N. Ross and Benjamin Morgan, transferred to the North Ohio Conference; J. C. Turner, from the Kentucky Conference; T. A. Green, from North Ohio Conference; T. Taylor, Illinois Conference, M. L. Nettles, North Ohio Conference; S. A. Lewis, T. B. Jessups, T. D. Scott, to the Ohio Conference.

Rev. W. H. Palmer, M.D., was appointed as General Missionary of the Conference.

No further business appearing before the conference, "God be with You," was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop and the Twenty-Ninth session adjourned.

BENJAMIN F. LEE, D.D., PH. D., BISHOP.
DAVID F. CALIMAN, CONFERENCE SECRETARY,
314 Erie Avenue, Williamsport, Pa.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORT.

Pittsburg District—W. H. Brown, P. E.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Greeting, grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.—I beg leave to submit this my second report of the Pittsburg District. The year of 1896, has been one of more than ordinary significance, it is my pleasure to report that all of the ministers of my district are still living and in good health, with the exception of your humble servant, who has passed through a slight affliction which is but for a moment and will work out for him a more perfect salvation.

We have had some affliction among the families of our preachers and some deaths. Rev. D. F. Caliman, has suffered the loss of one dear boy about 12 years of age. The dear boy at the time of his death gave such a strong testimony of a Saviour's love and grace that the father and mother were made stronger in God's grace to bear up under the circumstances.

We have experienced a peculiar year; cyclones and storms have visited our district, carrying with them death and destruction of property and life. The most disastrous calamity was the caving in of the Twin Mines at Pittston, Pa., where seventy-five souls were buried five hundred feet below the surface of the earth, leaving many families destitute of means for the support of the widows and children.

The financial condition of the country has had a very great effect upon our church in the manufacturing district, many of the pastors and people have not been able to secure the necessaries of life and our collections this year will run below those of heretofore.

I am here to state that the pastors and people with a few exceptions have done the best they could; the pastors and members have made great sacrifices to do what they have. Many of the members have sacrificed the last cent they had to pay their Dollar Money.

Some few of our ministers are not qualified for the work of pastors, therefore I would call upon the committee on Admission to be more careful in admitting and recommending young men for the itineracy; in this age of our church a high standard of the ministry is required; the people in the small towns require as able men to preach to them as we

do in the large cities; there is more intelligence to be found in the country towns according to the number of them than there is in the larger cities; therefore an educated sanctified minister is required; this is the demand of the churches of the Pittsburg District.

We have in our district twenty-one regular appointments, ten stations, five of them are nothing more than missions, seven circuits, and about one half of the work is really not able to support a pastor as he should be, therefore many of the pastors have to resort to holding out door meetings called camp meetings.

The following places only have from three to fifteen members: Montrose, Waverly, Pittston, Bloomsburg, Milton, Muncy, Jersey Shore, Lock Haven, Lewistown, Huntington, Bedford, Everett and Danville. It is a very great burden upon these people to maintain a pastor, but they do the best they can.

We have called the attention of the people to the support of the *Christian Recorder*, especially since the price has been reduced to $1.00 per year, also the *Church Review*.

Some of our members have refused to pay the Dollar Money, because no bishop has ever paid them a visit, we have assured them that Bishop Lee, will visit every place in the district and preach for them, and as much attention will be paid to them as to the large churches. This has had a good effect upon raising the Dollar Money.

Many of our churches have enjoyed revivals of religion during the year throughout the district. The increase has been greater than the decrease. My preachers have worked hard and two thirds of them have lived off of one quarter salary and some less than this.

CHURCHES IN PARTICULAR.

Wylie Avenue. Rev. I. N. Ross, pastor. This is the mother church of the Pittsburg Conference. The officers of this church report 494 members at the fourth and last Quarterly Conference. Rev. Ross, has served this church three years very acceptably and has done good work. The building is old, but has been very recently repaired at a great expense. The officers and members have had the subject of building a new church under consideration for over two years, but finally concluded not to build, but to renovate the old church, which has been done; it now presents a beautiful appearance both on the exterior and interior. Rev. Ross, has worked very hard. At the fourth and last Quarterly Conference held September 27, that body passed the highest compliments upon the pastor for his faithful labors during the three years he was with them as pastor. The Avery fund for the support of the gospel among our people in Pittsburg and Allegheny cities has been managed by the trustees in a very judicious way; about $800 of this income has been appropriated to the pastors of Brown Chapel, Chartier and East End, all of Pittsburg and Allegheny cities. It will not be long before we will have a greater Pittsburg and five more churches will draw on this fund. Raised for all purposes $2,777.80. Number of members 494. Dollar Money $140.00. (Avery $2,700.00).

Williamsport. Rev. D. F. Caliman, pastor. This Church is in a most excellent condition, spiritually and financially. This Church was visited with a most wonderful revival of religion last winter, over one hundred souls being converted to God, and the membership almost doubled. Rev. Caliman has completed the basement of this Church which is used for all meetings except Sunday services. Too much credit cannot be given to Elder Caliman for his faithful work. An addition of two good rooms have been made to the parsonage during this year. The

congregation is large and cultured, and the worship is of the highest order. The pastor is beloved by his people and great harmony prevails. Raised for all purposes, $2,852.62. Number of members, 179. Dollar Money, $121.50. Increase of Dollar Money, $63.30.

East End, Pittsburg. Rev. W. S. Lowry, pastor. Under the pastorage of this great leader, one of the finest Churches has been completed during this year at a cost of about $18,000.00. This Church is of the latest style architecture, contains all modern improvements, and there is not a Church in our connection between Philadelphia and Chicago that can excel it. Rev. Lowry was on the building watching and directing every stone and brick that was put in the structure from the time the first stone was laid until the finising touch was made. This is a lasting monument to Rev. Lowry, and the Pittsburg Conference owes him much gratitude, especially for his management in building this Church. Raised for all purposes, $2,670.50. Number of Members, 160. Dollar Money, $64.50.

Scranton, Pa. Rev. C. A. McGee, pastor. This station, though young, has become an excellent charge under Rev. McGee. He has succeeded in doubling the membership of this charge and it is now in excellent condition. They have built a large Tabernacle on the rear end of their lot for Sunday Schools and Entertainments; we need a new church for this growing and intelligent congregation.

Scranton bids fair to become one of the leading churches in the Conference; a good work has been done during the last year. Raised for all purposes, $1,785.33. Number of members, 83; Dollar Money $50.20. Increase.

Bellefonte, Rev. H. A. Grant, Pastor. This is an old and settled charge in a good spiritual and financial condition. Elder Grant has greatly improved this church in every way, spiritually, numerically and financially. We especially commend the work of Elder Grant. Raised for all purposes, $808.54. Number of members 57. Dollar Money, $46.20. Increase.

Wilkes Barre, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Pastor. Rev. Jeffries has done a great work in Wilkes Barre; he has remodeled the church, I may say built a new church at a cost of $5,000. Too much credit cannot be given Elder Jeffries and his people for the work done in every department. The pastor is an ideal pastor. Raised for all purposes $1,807.39. Number of members, 71. Dollar Money, $33.50. Increase $11.25.

Braddock, Rev. S. C. Honesty, Pastor. This charge is in good condition; while there are thousands of colored people from the Southern States here, not one-eighth are Methodists; the majority are Baptists. We have a good church building with a heavy debt upon it, yet, under the pastoral care of Rev. Honesty we have been able to reduce the debt a little this year. Rev. Honesty has done well; he is a good Christian gentleman and a good pastor. Raised for all purposes $628.40. Number of members, 37, Dollar Money, $21.75. Decrease.

Homestead. Rev. J. M. Morris, pastor. This church could be better. Rev. Morris has done the best he could. The church is heavily in debt. We hope for better times. Raised for all purposes, $792.40. Number of members, 40. Dollar Money, $12.31.

Altoona. Rev. J. P. Stevens, pastor. The members and people have about deserted this church under Rev. Stevens. We thought last year that a change should have been made, but the Bishop thought otherwise as there was a large petition from the outside element. This element soon deserted the church and pastor after his return. Rev. Stevens does the best he knows how. There is a great difficulty existing among some

of the members about the proper lines of the church property, we have recommended this matter to be arbitrated and the Bishop to appoint the arbitrators on the part of the church. Raised for all purposes $506 59. Number of members 26. Dollar Money $6.00. Decrease.

New Haven. Rev. Cyrus Woodson, pastor. Under the pastoral work or him, this charge has become one of the best appointments in the district. He has paid the last dollar of indebtedness on the church property and increased the membership from 30 to over 100. The work is in good spiritual and financial condition. He has set up a high standard among his people in his four years of labor. Raised for all purposes $1,215.13. Number of members 104. Dollar Money $36 50. Increase.

Greensburg. Rev. W. N. Young, Pastor. This church is small and but a few of our people are in the above named town. Elder Young, has done well, he has received but little for his support. He is known as the beloved pastor among his people, they are very intelligent and kind and do all they can to support their pastor. Our people are coming into Greensburg and settling down and our future looks very bright. This church is small but comfortable. Raised for all purposes $449.59. Number of members 30. Dollar Money $32.70. Increase.

Tyrone. Rev. Sandy Christian, pastor. On the 19th of July, we had the pleasure of dedicating a beautiful little church, which is a credit to our people. There are but few of our people in Tyrone, not over 70 souls and a part of this few are divided among other churches. We are in debt about $1200, with a church property valued at about $3500. Rev. Christian, has done well, we have been helped by the other churches of the city. The people are above the average in point of intelligence. Raised for all purposes $515.13. Number of member 18. Dollar Money $5.50. Decrease.

Philipsburg. Rev. R. M. Henderson, pastor. This is a circuit, Philipsburg and Curwensville. We have built a new church at Curwensville. Here we only have about 80 of our people old and young. We dedicated our new church at Curwensville last October with great financial success, raising on the day of dedication over $700, Hon. John Patten and General Irwin, giving over $400 of this amount. At Philipsburg, we have a small church, but enough for the few of our people. Raised for all purposes $1,116.39. Number of members 27. Dollar Money $13.55. Decrease.

Bedford. Rev. C. Garner, pastor. This circuit has two points; Bedford with but few people. We have a new church at Bedford under roof, but the people are not able to finish it; we worship in the basement. Have not been very successful at this place. Everett is the other point in this circuit. This point is more successful and prosperous than Bedford. Rev. Garner has done the best he could and has not failed to do his whole duty. Raised for all purposes, $257.60. Number of Members, 25. Dollar Money, $8.50. Decrease.

Lock Haven. Rev. T. J. Askew, pastor. Jersey Shore is the other point on this work. There we have a very nice little chapel, but there are few people here and what few we have are much divided. It resulted in a lawsuit, and as is the case with all lawsuits, some one must lose. This has worked detrimental to the church. Rev. Askew has done the best he could under the circumstances. Raised for all purposes, $618.55. Number of Members, 27. Dollar Money, $16.10. Decrease.

Montrose Circuit. Rev. O. T. Davis, pastor. This charge has two points, Waverly and Montrose. We have about ten or fifteen people in Waverly. The people have left this town, and what few remain are very old people, but good and loyal and doing their best to support our

church. Rev. Davis has done very well. Raised for all purposes, $457.-37. Number of Members, 18. Dollar Money, $19.00. Increase.

Bloomsburg. Rev. H. Johnson, pastor. We have two very good buildings on this charge, one at Bloomsburg and one at Danville. There are few of our people at either place. The pastor has to depend upon holding meetings in the woods in the summer to get something to keep him. The people are very poor.

Milton Circuit. Rev. Butts, pastor. This work is improving under the pastorage of Rev. Butts. Raised for all purposes, $208.99. Number of Members, 12. Dollar Money, $5.00. Increase.

Lewistown, Rev. T. J. Simmons, Pastor. Lewistown circuit consists of Lewistown and Huntington. At both of these points we have two good church buildings but the people seem to take but little interest in the church; the old heads of the church are all dead except a few, and the young people take no interest in church work; yet we have some hope when we get a change of pastor.

Pittston, Rev. Israel Homes, Pastor. This is a small mission not able to support a pastor. Rev. Holmes was not able to get a living out of this mission, so he left the work and went to Wilkes Barre and secured a job to make a living for his family. The mission was then put under the charge of Rev. Jeffries for three months who raised for all purposes $78.65. Number of members, 9; Dollar Money $2.75.

Duquesne Mission, Rev. H. G. Thomas, Pastor. This little mission in this new town is in an excellent condition. Rev. Thomas deserves great credit for the way he has worked. We have a neat little church with a small membership, although it is increasing; we have a debt of about $500 which has been reduced a little this year. Raised for all purposes, $699 28. Number of members, 26; Dollar Money, $13.00 Increase. Grand Total, $17,483.24.

There will be some recommendations of change of pastors when the Bishop shall call his council of Presiding Elders together.

1. We recommend that the pastor be careful in keeping the records of each individual church.

2. We recommend wherever practicable that none be elected trustees of our churches but freeholders, for the following reasons: *a*. Because the freeholder has more influence in the community where he lives. *b*. Because it is necessary to have stationary trustees, as many of our records and books have been lost by transient officers.

3. We recommend that our pastors urge our people to purchase homes in this county. Any man that pays his rent can purchase a home.

4. We recommend that our people take, and read the *Christian Recorder* and the *Church Review* and that no local preacher's license be renewed unless he agrees to take the *Recorder* of our Church and the Presiding Elders see to it that every local preacher subscribe for this church paper, that he may be better informed of our church and its work.

All of which we respectfully submit for your prayerful consideration.

Brother S. A. Lewis from Greensburg Quarterly Conference and Bro. S. T. Hayes from the Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church Quarterly Conference are recommended for admission.

W. H. Brown P. E.

Allegheny District—Cornelius Asbury, P. E.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Dear Father and Brethren:—Another year is gone, and we are in the enjoyment of the blessing of meeting once more. In considering the

past year our hearts entertain a feeling of rejoicing because we can say, "Out of all the Lord has brought us by his love."

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I report to you the Allegheny District. It is in very good condition spiritually and financially. Several of the churches have been blessed with glorious revivals. A vast amount of traveling is included in this District, making it necessary for the Presiding Elder to travel about seven hundred miles every quarter. The facilities for traveling, however, are very convenient, as every point on the district is reached by railroad. I have travelled continuously, and in very few instances have I failed to be present at the appointed time. It is not possible to spend a Sabbath or a part of a Sabbath at each charge, as there are eight more charges than are Sabbaths in the quarter. The pastors in the district have given to the Presiding Elder their hearty co-operation, and peace and harmony prevail in our midst. The following is a statement in detail of the condition of the work.

Brown Chapel, Allegheny. Rev. D. S. Bentley, pastor. Faithful labor has been performed here by the pastor during the year, and the work of the Lord has prospered in his hands. Dr. Bentley is an earnest and able minister, and the great congregation that assembles in this church hear him gladly. In the latter part of the month of November a series of meetings was started, which continued until a short time before the holidays, and while there were not many members gathered the meetings were of great profit to the church. Financially this church is in good condition there being only a small indebtedness against it. This church has a large and well regulated Sabbath School.

Chartiers Street Church. This Church still retains her good standing among the churches of the two cities and under the pastoral care of Rev. Richard Tanner much good has been accomplished during the year. Brother Tanner's clear and convincing manner of preaching the truth has made lasting impressions on his congregation. Manifestations of a large amount of life can be seen amomg the members of this church. The financial condition of the church is good; the debt having been decreased somewhat during the year.

Uniontown. St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Rev. W. C. Goens, pastor. His labor has been abundantly blessed during the year, sixty-four souls were converted in a revival held in the month of January and continuing through part of the month of February. Rev. Goens and his ever willing people have been successful in raising a creditable amount of money on the indebtedness of the church. The debt on this church is large, but we believe that by earnest and persistent efforts the day will come when the last dollar will be paid.

Brownsville. Rev. Richard Brown, is pastor at this church and under his administration the work has moved steadily forward. Forty-six souls were converted in a revival held during the year. Rev. Brown has been faithful in the discharge of his duties as pastor and is much loved by his people.

Monongahela. We have in this beautiful town, situated on the bank of the Monongahela River, one of the handsomest edifices in the town. The lot on which the church is built, is on the corner of two of the most prominent streets of the town and the building is in harmony with the location of the place on which it stands. Rev. A. E. Waldon, is pastor, and he has labored hard and has been crowned with a fair degree of success. He was considerably embarassed in the beginning of the year, on account of some resistence which he met, but his manly and christain deportment won for him friends and enabled him to accomplish a very successful years' work. The salary which he received is

not equal to the work which he has done.

East Elizabeth. Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, pastor has served this congregation faithfully for four years and he is highly esteemed by all the citizens of the town. He has no superior for reliability and Christian integrity. He and his people are in perfect harmony with each other. During the year the interior of the church was materially improved so, that it presents a very beautiful appearance.

McKeesport. We have here a small membership in a large and flourishing city. McKeesport is situated at the confluence of the Youghiogheny and Monongahela rivers and is a great manufacturing center. Rev. A. R. Palmer, is pastor. He suffered from sickness quite a good part of the year which, interfered somewhat with his success. He has however done a good work and is highly respected and much loved by his people.

South Side, Pittsburg. At the last conference held in the city of Wilkes Barre, Rev. Charles H. Brown, was appointed to this church. He remained at the charge until the month of April, when he left and he has not informed us where he went and we have no information as to his whereabouts to-day. Rev. M. S. Jones, was appointed to take charge of the work and he has been successfully laboring for about six month, God has blessed him in his work and the congregation is larger than it has been for years.

Bridgewater. This is one of our oldest organizations, and it is in good condition spiritually and financially. Rev. J. J. Norris. the pastor, has been going from success to success, and the Lord has blessed him in keeping the flock of Christ together, and continuing prosperity within the walls of Zion.

New Brighton. Rev. I. B. Till, pastor. The church building in this place is a beautiful frame structure, situated upon one of the most prominent streets in the town. The pastor's labor has been productive of much good fruit. He presents the truth with power, and shows himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. Brother Till is in harmony with his people, and they hold for him a high regard.

Meadville. Rev. P. A. Scott is a young man of promise. He has succeeded in winning the hearts of his people so that they sit gladly under his teaching. The Quarterly Conference at its last session passed a motion unanimously to ask the Annual Conference to attach Meadville to some other point, as it was their opinion that the church in Meadville is not able to support a preacher itself.

Franklin. Rev. S. P. West, the pastor, has been with this church one year, and is held in high esteem by his congregation. A good work has been done in this church this year.

Erie. This is a large and beautiful city, but in proportion to the size of the place the population of colored people is very small. Our church here is not what we should like to have it. Rev. J. P. Wallace, the pastor, has been earnest and faithful. Although in the beginning of the year he met with some discouragement, his intelligent teaching and christian like manner has won for him many friends among the best citizens of the city.

Bradford Circuit. This circuit is composed of Bradford, Pa., and Olean, N. Y. Rev. G. G. Skinner has successfully cared for the flock of Christ in these two places. Each place regards him as an able minister of the gospel and a Christain gentleman. I am sorry to say that his health during a portion of the year has been very poor. Part of the time he was not able to attend to his official duties. I give praise to the blessed Lord that his condition is much improved. At the last session

of the Quarterly Conference it was resolved to ask this Annual Conference to separate these two places and make each point a station.

Oil City Circuit. This is one of our most flourishing charges. It is composed of Oil City and Titusville. Each place does its part and does it well and both are in good condition spiritually and financially. Rev. G. C. Sampson is the successful pastor. He has served this charge three years and the last year seems to have been the best of all. He is full of zeal for his church and never fails to make his report creditable to himself and his church.

Charleroi and Pike Run. Rev. G. W. Webster, pastor has served this charge for two years and he has just closed a year of good success. The people are encouraged and are outspoken in their appreciation of their pastor. Charleroi, is a new city and our church is growing with the town.

Sewickley Mission. Rev. T. A. J. West, the pastor, has done a great work in this place. He has raised the church, and fitted up a good basement, painted the inside of the building, and also painted and embellished the outside. He handsomely papered the walls and ceiling, and placed a bell in the tower. Rev. West deserves much credit for the skillful manner in which he carried on the work of improvement to the Lord's temple.

Belle Vernon Mission. This is one of our old churches. It is located in the country, about one mile and a half from town. Rev. J. W. Brown has labored faithfully, and has not received enough compensation to support himself and family. Brother Brown is much devoted to his work, and loyal and true to his church.

West Newton and West Elizabeth. The work in these two places has not prospered as we would wish, yet we are glad to say that each organization is alive. The pastor, Rev. Benjamin Morgan, has labored continuously and devotedly through the entire year. Brother Morgan has been honest in putting forth his best efforts on behalf of the circuit, and in ably preaching the word of truth, and in pastoral work.

Bellevue. Rev. M. S. Jones was appointed to this charge one year ago, and continued to have charge until about the middle of April, when he was moved and appointed to the South Side Church, and Rev. J. E. Morris was appointed to take his place. The congregation has no house in which to worship, and now they are worshipping in a storeroom fitted up for that purpose. They have some money in the bank, and it is hoped that it will not be long before a building will be erected by the congregation. Brother Morris has succeeded in gathering together a good congregation which fills every seat in the house, and he is highly esteemed as a young man for whom a bright future may be predicted.

Having given to you a brief sketch of each charge in the district, I wish to say that it has been my aim to do the best I could. It has been a year of hard work, and yet I praise the Lord that I have engaged in it cheerfully, always striving to make my visits to the churches profitable to the pastor and his people. I have felt that I have had the sympathy of every pastor in the district, and the kindness and hospitality that has been shown me will never be forgotten. Allow me to thank you, brethren, for the cordial manner in which you received me into your churches, and for the many kindnesses shown me while sojourning among you. I also return my thanks to the officers and members of the churches in the district for the generous manner in which they have treated me in their homes and in the meetings which we have enjoyed together, and now may the blessing of the Lord be upon you forever. Amen.

CORNELIUS ASBURY, P. E.

Wheeling District—J. W. Riley, P.E.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We submit the following Report of the Wheeling District. The fiscal year ending with the rise of the present session of this Conference marks the close of another quadrennial period of our annual existence in which has occurred many changes, Episcopal and ministerial. First Bishop Daniel A. Payne, our beloved senior Bishop of precious memory, occupied the Ecclesiastical chair of control until removed away by the call from above; then we have had, providentially in this Conference, to follow in the line of his work the educational and ecclesiastical sons of Payne who now hold the reign of our disciplinary government, Bishop Benj. W. Arnett our beloved educator, statesman, bishop and father in God. We were very much disappointed by the General Conference not returning him to us so now we have in his stead the esteemed friend and Bishop, Benj. F. Lee coming to us; and over our destinies to preside and bringing to us with him his most excellent and learned circular document of brainy digest, forecasting and shadowing forth the administrative complexion of his work so that the character of admission, missionary effort, educational, general collection, dollar law, and Sunday School conventions are plainly stated to be seen and duly understood. We bow in appreciation of a kind Providence in thus sending to us consecutively two brethren ripe from the instructions of the same religion; further success will certainly ever attend our efforts; it has been the experience of ministers in this district that had they not have started early in this year in their financial work they would not have triumphed as they have done; as later on in the season floods, washout of bridges, storms and general disaster creating as it did a panic greatly hindering minister and presiding elder in their work so that some parts of our bridgeless interior were not reached, of which we are exceedingly sorrowful, when we think over the past kindness of that dear people; we shall now as usual take up the report of our distinct work.

Boons Mission. Rev. C. N. Butts was appointed to this mission, but on account of sickness and a large family, he failed to go and the work was supplied by Brother Daniel G. Cole; this field of labor is embosomed thirty miles beyond three extensive mountain ranges and over two dangerous rivers to ford Pound Fork and Big Coal River—no bridges or ferry boats; we visited this people last year in dry time and they promised Dollar Money so that on the 25th day of October we received a letter containing an order for three dollars and a check on the Bank of Charlestown, W. Va., for one dollar and a list of names which we desire published in the minutes this year. Collected for all purposes, $12.75. Dollar Money, $3.00.

Charlestown mission, we refer to last year's report.

Parkersburg Station, West Virginia. Rev. William H. Coston, B. D., was appointed to this charge. He met with some opposition, and left Nov. 18, 1895, and the work was vacant until supplied by an evangelist by the name of Franklin W. Shields. Bro. Shields ac-

complished nothing, so that on the 7th of March, 1896, the church was sold for $1,350.00 and bought in by the Building and Loan Association, to whom belong the stock. Collected, $4.67.

Clarksburg, West Virginia. W. H. Pride, pastor. Some opposition and the hardness of times have held this work back. The church is not finished, and the financial strain is yet to come. Collected for all purposes, $536.30. Number of Members, 44. Dollar Money, $20.00,

Weston and Sutton Circuit. J. W. Sanders, pastor. At Weston, he has faced and finished the windows, papered the church, built the pulpit, and overhauled in general everything, until now it is beautiful for situation and the joy of many. He has also completed a building on the church lot that is now rented at this place. He has been more than ordinarily successful, and the people of all races think well of him. At Sutton, Rev. Sanders has built and about completed a beautiful church on Camden's Hill. He pushes well the financial interest of his charge, and we can say without flattery that he is a trustworthy Brother. Collected for all purposes, $1,136.66 Number of Members, 17. Dollar Money, $6.00.

Beverly Mission. Rev. Elijah Bazier, pastor. At Beverly an excellent chapel has been erected and completed by Bro. Bazier. He also successfully teaches the day school, and is pushing his work well at Elkins, Roaring Creek, and Coketon. At Coketon this year he has enlarged his church, and had a great revival, adding many souls to the kingdom of the Master. We are looking for a grand financial report from this work. God seems to have blessed the dear Brother. Collected for all purposes, $1,378.10. Number of Members, 73. Dollar Money, $1.75.

Morgantown, W. Va. Rev. Eli McKnight, pastor. One of the strange freaks about Brother McKnight's administration and work, is that he has the power beyond our knowledge of any other of making any improvement that he desires about his church and even building a new one and yet he seems to fail in his financial efforts. We never knew a man that could command the confidence of a community and do as much without money as this dear brother; he is a man that can build up a waste place if it should never be paid for. Collected for all purposes $189.00. Members 6. Dollar Money, none.

Wheeling, W. Va. Rev. H. Bumry, pastor. Wheeling has taken on the advance step under the direction of their very able and efficient worker. The first step on the beginning of this conference year was to put on a new roof and pay for it, the next step was to complete the church by building an altar, such as it never had before and thus conveniently locating the choir, throwing its facial expression in front direct to the congregation, next papering ceiling and walls, painting pews, embordering carpet-way of the aisles with dove colored paint, ingrain carpet, frescoing in the rear of the pulpit and many other improvements too numerous to mention, which takes on the climax in the advanced step; we are looking for a thousand dollar report from Wheeling, as all the above improvements are paid. Collected for all purposes $1,121.84. Number of members 36. Dollar Money $34.50.

West Middletown, Pa. Rev. Alexander Smothers, pastor. This is a central place, it is twelve miles from every railroad station; being an inland town there is not much business carried on here, everything is quiet and much retired. The pastor has worked hard during the past four years and deserves credit for his industrious push in securing a support, for our people are not rich, yet they are true and willing workers for the Master's cause. Collected for all purposes $395.92. Members 44. Dollar Money $23.00.

Canonsburg, Pa. Rev. Carter Wright, pastor. This charge of old and true Methodism comes to the front in support of the presiding elder and all other departments of the church; even amid the serious financial depression of the times, they have rallied and paid off many of their old debts and have accumulated a building fund (which is good). The parsonage and grounds were never in better condition; it is sweet to enter the parsonage and note the painted, frescoed and papered wall, hanging on every side with artistic painted land scenes, lake and ocean views, ancient and modern ships of commerce, the ancient and modern Navy of the United States, mighty ships of war prowling the ocean's mighty deep, scenes of stir and inspiration all painted by the son of the pastor, who so recently produced in song the famous triumphant march of Major McKinley. It is claimed a better church accountant they never had than the present pastor; everything is directed along systematic lines. Collected for all purposes $1,445.18. Members 164. Dollar Money $50.50.

Waynesburg, Pa. Rev. Daniel Newsom, pastor. He has brought to this dear people success beyond our anticipation; for two years his administration has been one unbroken run of prosperity, something more than usual, when we consider the missmanagement of the past and the low credit brought upon this beloved people; his is a grand work in restoring confidence, raising money and making improvements, paying as he goes. He has nicely papered the church and about finished the basement, putting in windows, ceiling and flooring the same, so that the outlook of this church appears better than ever; we find Brother Newsom to be a Christian of true merit. Collected for all purposes $1,008.94 Members 35. Dollar Money $19.07.

Washington, Pa. Rev. R. H. Morris, pastor. This church has made a leap to the front rank of churches in the past four years under the able and efficient leadership of Brother Morris; there is no other church ahead, except Canonsburg, in the support of the presiding elder; in all things else this church has gotten the victory which qualfies Brother Morris and makes him deserving of great credit for so successfully running the machinery of this church for the long and eventful period of four years; of its internal aspect, beautiful situation and pleasant surroundings we need not speak as the conference is here assembled and may behold. Everything, (with one exception,) that Brother Morris undertook seemed to have turned to the gold standard since he has held the reign of the ecclesiastic government of this charge. Members 195. Dollar Money $73.00. Collected for all purposes $1,415.00. Collected throughout the District $8,648.79.

A. M. E. Societies; the year when organized and churches built and about completed; lots bought and donated in the last four years throughout the Wheeling district.

Weston, W. Va , A. M. E. Society organized and church built in 1893. Value of house and lot, $2,000.00.

Sutton, W Va., A. M. E. Society organized in 1894. Church built in 1896. Value of house and lot, $800.00.

Clarksburg, W. Va., A. M E. Church built in 1894. Value of house, lot and parsonage, $3,500.00.

Beverly, A. M. E. Society organized and church built in 1895, and completed in 1896. Value of house and lot, $1,000.00.

Elkins, A. M E. Society organized in 1895.

Coketon, A. M. E Society organized and church repaired in 1895, and addition built and completed in 1896 Value of house and lot, $1,000 00.

Roaring Creek, A. M. E. Church built in 1895. Value of house and lot, $250 00.

Morgantown, W. Va , A. M. E. Church built in 1895 Value of house and lot $1,000 00.

Rock Branch, A. M. E. Society organized in 1895.

McGovern, A. M. E. Society organized and lot donated in 1895 by Oil City Transit Company. Value, $300 00.

Finleyville, Pa., A. M. E. Society organized 1896. Blackville, W. Va., Society organized 1894, and lot donated 1895; value of lot $150 making an increase in our property value for the past four years of $10,000 in the district and with the loss of the Parkersburg property of $1,500 we still have a gain of $8,500 without the consideration of the increase made in our property value by improvements and repairs made and paid on the following churches: Wheeling, W. Va., West Middletown, Canonsburg, Waynesburg and Washington, Pa., which would at least run up the figures to $14,000 or $15,000. The following churches are about completed and are to be dedicated next year: Clarksburg, Weston, Sutton, Roaring Creek, Coketon, Morgantown and possibly several others. We have by no means been able to reach all that is to be found in the fifty-four large mountain counties of West Virginia; there are vast fields and territories yet untouched. The valleys of the Tug, Elk, Big Kanawha, Little Kanawha and along the coast of the Big Sandy River are untouched except by the finger of Virginia and Kentucky Conferences; they have crossed the line given us the means and we can lose ourselves in the unheard of interior department of West Virginia.

Brethren, we are obliged to you for the faithfulness and kindness which you have shown to us; we shall ever hold the true and worthy towards a throne of grace; may peace and love ever remain with you.

J. W. Riley.

HISTORICAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, PA , Oct. 10th, 1896.

Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., President, called the Society to order. The Secretary being absent Rev. W C. Goens was elected Secretary *pro tem.* On motion of Rev C. Asbury, the following judges were selected: Revs. W. J. Johnson, Carter Wright, and R. A. Sealy.

The Bishop ordered roll-call, and the following paid their dues of fifty cents: Bishop B. F. Lee, W. H Brown, John W. Riley, C. Asbury, Benjamin Wheeler, J. J. Norris, Richard Brown, G. G. Skinner, H. A. Grant, Sandy Christian, S. C. Honesty, Carter Wright, H. G Thomas, D. F. Caliman, J. M Morris, Alex. Smothers, I. N. Ross W. N. Young, I. B. Till, A E. Waldon, C. W. Woodson, C. A. McGee R. Tanner, O. T Davis, G. C. Sampson, W H. Coston, D. Newsom, G. W. Webster, W N Young, W. H Pride, J. W. Jeffries, P A. Scott, T. J. Simmons, J P. Stephens, S. P. West, A. R. Palmer, T A. J. West. R H Bumry, J W. Sanders, E Bazier, M. S. Jones, Jesse Wallace, T. J. Askew, J. W. Brown, J. E. Morris, J. S Eaton, C. N. Butts, and William G. Ralph The following paid twenty-five cents: Revs Charles Garner and Benjamin Morgan. Total amoun', $24.50.

The Bishop introduced Rev. D. F. Caliman as the first to read upon the subject "The Bible," following in order H. A. Grant, Richard Brown, S. P. West. Rev. S. P West offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we have a committee to act as censors before whom all essays must come the first day of the Conference. Carried.

Rev. C. Asbury offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a committee on programme be appointed whose duty it shall be to obviate the monotony which has heretofore characterized our meetings.

Rev. Benj. Wheeler submitted the report of the treasury, viz:—

Amount on hand from last year, ...	$12.50
Received as dues, ...	24.50
Total	$39.00
Paid out for prizes, ...	$15.00
Balance on hand, ...	$24.00

B. Wheeler, Treas.

By motion of Rev. C McGee the following officers were elected: Bishop B F. Lee, D.D , Prest., Benj. Wheeler, Treas., J. E. Morris, Sec.

Rev. A. R. Palmer made the motion to appropriate the balance in treasury to Payne Theological University after prizes have been deducted. Benediction by H. A. Grant.

W. C. Goens, Sect'y *Pro tem.*

Censor's Committee, D. F. Caliman, P. A. Scott, S. P. West, W. H. Coston, J. W. Riley.

Committee on Programme, C. Asbury, J. M. Morris, D. S. Bentley, W. H. Brown, R. H. Morris.

Report of Judges.

To the President and Members of the Literary Society of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

Dear Brethren. We the judges selected by you to pass upon the essays presented to your society, beg leave to report as under.

1.—We desire in the first place to congratulate the society upon the able and carefully prepared papers which were read. A perusal of them shows that much thought, time and study must have been expended upon each.

2.—During their delivery we paid special attention to the following feature viz Matter, style of delivery, pronunciation and posture. Under the head "Matter," we include all that appertains to composition.

3.—While inspecting the MMS, we took into consideration, penmanship, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, unity of thought and originality of matter.

4.—We find, in regard to matter, all the essays are very good. In reference to style, there was some diffiulty in deciding as between Revs. Caliman and West, between whom the contest narrowed down. After carefully weighing all the point we give the palm to Rev. West. The contest in the matter of pronunciation was between the above named brethren. We regard them equally good.

As to posture, we are unable to award the palm to either of the contestants, as they were all fair. Rev. Brown's penmanship is good, and in our estimation the best, while Rev. Grant, stands first in punctuation and capitilization Revs. West, Caliman and Grant, are equal in the matter of spelling. Upon the unity of thought and originality of matter depend the outcome of the contest. Here again Caliman and West become the principle contestants. So excellent are the papers in this regard, that we found it a really difficult matter to decide as between them.

We award the laurel to Rev. Caliman; Rev. West being divided from him only by a partition of tissue paper Taking into consideration all the points stated, we recommend that the first prize be awarded to Rev. Caliman and the second prize to Rev West.

Respectfully submitted

W. J. Johnson,
R. A. Sealy,
C. Wright.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, PA., Oct. 12, 1896.

Preachers' Aid Society met in its Annual session. The roll was called and the members paid their annual dues. On motion of Rev I N. Ross that each member who had not sent his assessment of one dollar shall also pay the sum of twenty five cents as fine.

On motion of Dr Bentley, that in view of the lateness of the hour that we do now adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning. So ordered. Evening receipts $57.25.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The Preachers' Aid Society met at 8 a. m., "A charge to keep I have," was sung and prayer by Rev. W. H. Coston.

On motion of Rev. Christian, that the chair be sustained. So ordered.

On motion of I. N. Ross, that in view of the fact all moneys be paid or sent to the treasurer.

On motion of Brother Christian, that as the Rev. I N Ross, an honorable member of this conference and also of this Preachers' Aid Society will soon leave this conference, that he retain (as he desires) his membership in this society, wherever he may go. Carried

The bill presented by Rev. W H. Brown, for sickness, medicine &c., was submitted to the executive board on motion of Dr. Bentley.

On motion of Dr. Bentley, that a committee be appointed to nominate officers for the year. An amendment to the motion to re-elect the same officers The amendment was lost and the original motion prevailed. The committee on nomination was D. S. Bentley, W. S. Lowry, G. G. Skinner.

The motion to pay Rev. G. G. Skinner, $15.00 was referred to the executive committee.

The treasurer's report was submitted partially.

On motion of Rev. Sampson, that whoever be elected secretary and treasurer be instructed to send a notice to Bishop Arnett, requesting him to send the amount to the Preachers' Aid Society. This amount being $50.00 borrowed.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

On motion of Rev. Ross that we now hear the report of the committee appointed to revise the constitution. So ordered. See revised constitution.

On motion of Rev. Wright that the constitution be adopted. So ordered.

On motion of Dr. Bentley the constitution as revised be published in the minutes. So ordered.

After making a statement of the distressed condition of Sister C. H. Brown and four children, Rev I. N. Ross moved that each member pay the sum of twenty-five cents to assist Rev. Brown's family.

Committee on nominations reported the officers elected for the year, to wit: Pres, R H. Bumry; Vice Pres, S. P. West; Sec., J. W. Jeffries; Treas., G. C. Sampson

Disbursements of claims of the Executive Board of the Preachers' Aid Society.

Rev. W. H. Brown,	$18.00	
" G. G. Skinner,	10.00	
" W. S Lowry,	7.00	
" Charles Garner,	4 00	
" T. J. Simmons,	7.00	
" R. H. Morris,	5 00	
Total,		$51.00

Committee: Revs. I. N. Ross, D. S. Bentley, and W. S. Lowry.
Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Sec.

On motion of Dr. Bentley that the matter of assessment on death benefit of those who have not paid be left in the hands of the Executive Committee, Secretary and Treasurer to be arranged before leaving the seat of conference.

By limitation of time the Preachers' Aid Society adjourned.

Financial Report.

To the Bishop, President and members.

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report. During the year the hand of God has visited our ranks and on the 2nd day of December 1895, death entered and took from our ranks Brother J. V. Page, one of our useful young men; while we mourn his loss we humbly submit to God's will. Below is our Financial report:—

Balance on hand from last Conference,	$145.93	
Bishop Arnett Note, by order Ex. Com.,	50.00	
Total,		$195.93
Paid to widow of Bro. J. V. Page,	$47 00	
Received from Assessment,		20.00
Leaving in my hands at opening of Conference Session, Oct 8, 1896,		$115.68
By Note of Bishop Arnett,		50.00
Received from Dues,		51.50
Assessments and Fines,		22.00
Special Collection for Sister C. H. Brown,		5.50
Total,		$244.68
Paid W. H. Brown,	$18 00	
Paid G. G. Skinner	10.00	
Paid W. S. Lowry,	7.00	
Paid Chas. Garner,	4.00	
Paid T J. Simmons,	7.00	
Paid R. H. Morris,	5.00	
Total,		$51.00
Balance in Treasury,	$193.68	

Respectfully,
G. C. Sampson, Treas.,
J. W. Jeffries, Sect'y.

Constitution of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Pittsburg Annual Conference.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be styled the Preachers' Aid Society of the Pittsburg Conference of the African M. E Church.

ART 2. Composition. This Association shall be composed of members of the Pittsburg Conference, subject to the rules hereafter mentioned.

ART. 3. Membership. Any member of the Pittsburg Conference may become a member of this Association by the payment of One Dollar ($1.00) and subscribing to this Constitution and By-Laws, and any member transferring to another A. M. E. Annual Conference, may, by the payment of his regular dues, continue his membership.

ART. 4. Meetings. This Association shall meet annually at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference, the time of its session however to be designated by the presiding Bishop.

ART. 5. Officers The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Board of three members which shall consist of the pastors of the Chartiers and Brown's Chapel of Allegheny and East End Church of Pittsburg, and each continue in his respective office until either death, resignation or the election of a successor; and the election of such officer shall be held at each annual meeting.

ART. 6. Dues. Sec 1. Each member of the Society shall pay One Dollar ($1.00) per annum as dues and $1.00 assessment upon the death of a member of the Society. Section 2. Upon the death of a member of the Society, the secretary shall, upon receiving notice of the same, notify by postal card each member of the Society to forward to him within thirty (30) days the said assessment and in the failure to forward the same within the time specified they shall be fined twenty-five (25) cents and the secretary on receipt of said assessment shall pay the amount to the legal heirs or representatives and give to the treasurer a receipt for the same signed by the President and countersigned by the secretary Section 3. The Treasurer upon receiving moneys of the Society shall deposit the same in one of the safe and solvent Banks in the city or town in which he resides and a receipt of said deposit shall be satisfactory evidence of the faithful discharge of his duties.

ART. 7. Sick Benefits Section 1. Any member of the Society being incapacitated by illness or under the care of a physician shall forward to the secretary a certificate from such a physician, and on receiving such certificate of illness, he, (the secretary,) shall direct the treasurer to pay to said brother three ($3.00) dollars per week for six weeks of his illness; but no member shall be eligible to such an amount but those who are unable to perform their pastoral duties. Section 2. Any member being under the care of a physician and yet able to perform his pastoral duties, shall report the same to the Chairman of the Executive Board and said Board shall take the matter under advisement and report their findings to the Annual Conference. Sec. 3. No moneys shall be drawn from the treasury only by an order drawn by the secretary and signed by the president. The Treasurer shall give bonds double the amount received by him, and and said bond to be confirmed by the Society at its annual meeting. Section 4. No alterations or amendments shall be made to this constitution except by a two-third vote of the members present.

Committee,

C. Asbury,
W. H. Brown,
R. H. Bumry,
D. S. Bentley,
I. N. Ross.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Presiding Elders' Allowance.

We, your committee on Presiding Elders' allowance, respectfully submit the following report:

We recommend that the Presiding Elders' allowance remain as it is, except assessments for the following churches: Wheeling District, Washington, Pa., fifteen dollars quarterly and traveling expenses; Pittsburg District, Wylie Ave. Church, forty-five dollars quarterly and traveling expenses; Allegheny District, Olean and Bradford, six dollars each quarterly and traveling expenses.

H. A. Grant,
A. R. Palmer,
Geo. W. Webster.

State of the Church and Country.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of the state of the Church and Country respectfully submit the following: The Church is moving on encouragingly and we have great reason to be thankful for her existence and present status. God has placed in the hand of the Church the torch of his truth with which he intends to illuminate the world. The nature of the work and its importance call for our best efforts and most arduous labor. The Church is of divine origin and the hand of him who holds the stars and upholds the world and regulates the machinery of the universe, keeps her feet from falling. This plant has been nourished by the prayers of the fathers and mothers of the Church and watered by their tears.

The Christian Church is the most powerful and progressive organization in the world. No other religion impresses the human mind with so much that is noble, true and good as the Christian religion. The teachings of the law of Sinai are like streams of the purest water flowing through the whole fabric of the spiritual kingdom of Christ, who, in that most wonderful sermon on the mount, said: "I am not come to destroy the law and the Prophets, but to fulfil." The church is using many arms with which she is reaching out after perishing humanity and pointing them to the crucified Lord who is able to save from sin and cleanse the heart from every stain. The Christian Church was never so thoroughly organized and well prepared for work for the further establishment of the kingdom of our blessed Lord. Among the many agencies employed by the Church, we mention only a few. The Young Men's Christian Association bring together many young men of all denominations under Christian influence and while there may be questionable features in its operations, it is accomplishing a great work for the unification of effort in the Christian world. The Young People's Christian Endeavor marshals a mighty host with banners hoisted and voices floating out upon

the air in honor and praise to him who is worthy to receive the highest praise of men and angels.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union is an efficient factor in the work of exalting the name of Christ and disseminating the truths of the Gospel; especially, with reference to the education of the mind of the young up to the idea of abolishing the saloon and thus bringing on the stage of human activitities a purer and nobler manhood and womanhood

Bible and Tract Societies, and other literature are penetrating our homes and supplying our libraries and reading rooms with such food as will lead to a life on a higher plane and along a brighter way It is a fact that while there is not the amount of spiritual life in the Church that we might desire, we nevertheless rejoice that at no time in the history of the Christian Church, was her influence as widespread and as far-reaching as that at present.

Our country, in many respects, is the greatest on the globe. When we look over her hills, mountains and valleys, and notice how they are dotting with institutions which are blessing humanity, we are constrained to say, for natural advantages and form of government the land of our nativity stands without a rival. The financial depression which is common all over our land, is a matter which demands our serious consideration and as citizens, we cannot refrain from giving a subject of so much importance our earnest attention, with a view of using every means to remedy this trouble and disperse the clouds so the sun of prosperity may shine upon us again.

Our Common School System is a blessing to our country and this nation may well congratulate itself on the fact that it seeks to place the school house and the text book within the reach of every child in every community. Benevolent institutions are fostered by our government, so that the homeless and friendless are provided with food and shelter and other necessary comforts of life. The facilities for traveling to different points on this continent are without any superior on the globe.

Steam and electricity are making this an age of the most rapid transit that the world ever knew. While we acknowledge the greatness of our country and rejoice in its pleasant relations to other countries, we are yet aware of the fact that there are dangers which threaten our future prosperity and peace. Unrestricted emigration is cursing our land with a vicious element that care but little for flag and has no regard for American Institutions

Intemperance is sweeping down on us like a flood and is destroying human life and wrecking human beings at the rate of not less than one hundred thousand (100,000) per year. The Christian Sabbath, is one of God's greatest blessings. Its physical benefits and spiritual advantages should be highly appreciated and it should be remembered as a holy day and not as a holiday. With all of her greatness America needs a better education, to impress the truth uttered by divine inspiration that God is no respecter of persons and that men are brothers, no matter what may be their condition or where they are found.

Resolved, That we the members of the Pittsburg Conference as representative of the Afro-American people of this country demand every right and privilege belonging to citizens of our land and that positions ought to be reached on the grounds of competency.

Resolved That we severely denounce the practice of lynching as being barbarous and far below the American idea of civilization.

Resolved, That we do hold tenaciously to the sacredness of the observance of the Sabbath and urge its strict observance upon the people whom we serve.

WHEREAS, We believe Major McKinley, to be the highest type of statesmanship the most able exponent of American protection and a strong advocate of sound money,

Resolved, That we recognize in him the ideal American and a man worthy of the highest trust and confidence within the gift of the American people.

Respectfully submitted

Cornelius Asbury,
C. A. McGee,
John W. Riley.

Temperance.

To the Bishop and Conference:

So much has been said, so much written about Intemperance that it seems a useless repetition to add more; but the saloon is still open, the color still in the cup, the serpent still biteth, souls are still being cursed and we are determined to raise our voices in protest as long as articulate speech and written words have power to deter one soul from a drunkard's grave. You all know the evils of intemperance. Why harrass your souls with tales of woe, rend your hearts with stories of blighted hopes, disrupted families, wrecked lives, perverted talents, and worse of all, the loss of heaven? You know, I say, the evils. Let us look at the other side—the remedy, our duty.

The Christian ministry, to our race, is the light set upon a hill. The purer the clergy the better the people. Do you smoke? Stop it. Is your conversation colored with slang? Purify it. Do you worship at the shrine of the gods of this world—fashion and pride—the gods that kill? "Have no other gods but one." Are you overanxious that you should be deemed learned, that your fame should go abroad? "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Jesus Christ." Do you visit the good, the kind, the true, neglecting the down-trodden, the lost of the slums? "He ate with Publicans and sinners." Do you preach to the front pews? "He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." You may ask what has this to do with intemperance? Every act in a young man's life advances him along the road to eternal bliss or to everlasting woe. These acts are influenced greatly by the deportment of the clergy to whom they look for guidance.

Intemperance in drink comes not to a man suddenly; but a little lapse in conduct here, a little failure there, a weakening of the will

power by these little extravagances in eating, drinking, dressing, talking and then at last greater temptations, weaker will-power, yielding and—LOST.

Since so much is meant by the fight against intemperance, we should put forth every effort, first by correcting our own actions and then by surrounding others by such an atmosphere of love, purity and grace that they cannot fall.

The secretary has in his hands a communication from the Allegheny County Superintendent Sunday School Department of W. C. T. U., which he will read.

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And now in view of these facts therefore be it

Resolved, That we the ministry of the Pittsburg Conference do put forth every effort by precepts and example to stay the tide of intemperance and to redeem those who are the victims of every form of this vice.

Resolved, That we take higher grounds in the great cause of temperance; condemning the use of snuff, tobacco, chewing gum, opium eating, back-biting, private wine drinking, or the use of any intoxicants or narcotics except for medicinal purposes.

Resolved, That we use every possible means to persuade those addicted to these habits to desist from them and recommend as one of the essential prerequisites for admission into the conference a total abstainance from all these intemperate habits.

Resolved, That we co-operate with the W. C. T. U., in the observance of the Fourth Sunday of November as the Annual Temperance Sunday.

Respectfully submitted
S. Christian,
B Morgan,
I. N. Ross, Chairman.

Missionary Society.

WASHINGTON, PA., Oct. 10, 1896.

The Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Annual Conference met at the above named place and was called to order by Rev. S. C. Honesty, vice chairman. The first business in order was the calling of the roll, fifty-three members responded to the roll call and paid in all the sum of $52.25.

On motion it was decided to continue the present incumbents in office for another year.

Rev. W. H. Brown, offered a resolution to use all of the money now in treasury for the benefit of the West Virginia work. Rev. J. M. Morris, seconded the resolution, which after some discussion was adopted as the sense of the conference.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

BISHOP B. F. LEE, Chairman,
REV. S. P. WEST, Secretary.

Bible Cause.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to report the following. Wherever the love of God rules in the heart, it will appear in works of charity—"For God is love." The message given to Cornelius by an angel was that his prayers and alms were answered, viz: his prayers answered and alms approved of by God Prayers and alms must go together; we must follow our prayers with alms. "For the fast that God has chosen is to draw out the soul to the hungry." Isaiah lviii: 6, 7.

It is not enough to pray that what we have may be sanctified to us, "But rather give alms of such things as ye have, and behold all things are clean unto you." Luke xi: 41 We should follow our alms with our prayers that God would graciously accept them and bless them to whom they are given. Cornelius prayed and gave alms not as the Pharisee, to be seen of men, but in sincerity as unto God; and he is here told they are come up for a memorial before God. They were upon record in heaven in the book of remembrance—for all that fear God shall be remembered.

Prayers shall be answered and alms shall be recompensed. The sacrifices under the ceremonial law are said to be for a memorial. The priest shall take from the meat offering a memorial thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar; it is an offering made by fire of a sweet savor unto the Lord. (See Lev. ii: 9-16. v: 12.)

Prayers and alms are our spiritual offerings which God is pleased to accept. The divine revelation communicated to the Jews as far the Gentiles were concerned, not only as it directed and improved the light and law of nature, but as it promised a Saviour to come. Like Cornelius, we are to believe this as he did and what we do we must do it in faith as he did and it will be accepted of God. The Gentiles to whom the law of Moses came were not obliged to become circumcised Jews as those to whom the gospel of Christ comes are to become baptized christians. Neither our prayers nor our alms come up for a memorial before God unless we believe in Jesus Christ

The effort to place the Bible in the Common Schools is the work of the Bible Cause Society. This is an important work of placing the Word of God in the Common Schools of our Country in which the Bible Society has always taken an active part. Both by direct grant and through the co-operation of its numerous auxiliaries it has accomplished a grand work in this direction that is well calculated to excite the gratitude and secure the substantial sympathy of every well-wisher of his country and race in the distribution of the Word of God.

In the distribution of the Bible in the United States Army the Society has at all times endeavored to meet its responsibilities. Its efforts in this direction were very greatly increased during the Civil War; it is estimated that up to the last of March 1870, there were distributed gratuitously among soldiers not far from 2,500,000 Bibles, besides having made grants for more than 500,000 volumes for the army of the seceding States. During the war nearly 1,500,000 of Bibles and Testaments furnished gratuitously by this Society were circulated in the army.

The work of distribution of the Scriptures among seamen. The society has been prompt to embrace every opportunity of giving the scriptures to the naval forces of the country as well as to the seaman, generally the most part of this distribution has been effected by auxilaries to the number of a quarter of a million of volumes. In 1886 the New York Bible Society reported 10,000 volumes circulated among seamen during the year.

Distributions in hotels steamboats and railroads. At an early period in the history of the Bible Society, the board of managers adopted a resolution requesting auxiliary societies throughout the country to furnish the rooms of hotels and the cabins of steamboats with suitable copies of the Bible usually at half the cost price In accordance with this resolution the Bible Society and auxilaries have diligently attended to this important work and many thousand of volumes have found their way into the dormitories and parlors of hotels and the saloons of steamboats.

In the great centers of trade and principal thoroughfares, this distribution of the Bible has been carefully made and benefits have been conferred upon the traveling community beyond our estimation. Much is being done in the way of making the Bible accessable upon railway cars to those who are daily passing over the great thoroughfare of our land, and grants of Scriptures have been freely made to the principal railroad corporations on conditions of their furnishing suitable racks and giving due care to the preservation of the books.

The Bible Society has distributed in humane and criminal institutions in one year 346,211 Bibles, besides 10,000 copies that are being distributed by other auxilaries. Furthermore the Bible Society proposed last year to institute what should be known as Bible Sunday, on the second Sunday in November of each year, and a large number of ministers preached upon the Bible and Bible work throughout the world. This year the Bible Society will endeavor to secure the co-operation of all the ministers of every denomination.

WHEREAS, The Bible Society has seen the great need of a special day being instituted as Bible Sunday, on which shall be a special effort for Bible Work throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, The Society shall endeavor to secure the co operation of all the ministers of every denomination Therefore be it

Resolved. That we the ministers of the Pittsburg Conference cooperate with the great effort of the Bible Society and adopt the Second Sunday in November, which shall be known as Bible Sunday throughout the Pittsburg Conference and lift a collection.

Bible Money report of the Pittsburg District:—

Wylie Avenue	$2.00
Williamsport	1.00
East End	1.00
Scranton	
Bellefonte	1.03
Wilkes Barre	.50
Braddock	.25
Pittston	.25
Homestead	

Altoona	
Greensburg	1.00
New Haven	1.00
Tyrone	.50
Philipsburg	.25
Bedford	.50
Lock Haven	.36
Milton	
Duncan	.25
Montrose	.50
Lewistown	.50

Wheeling District:—

Boon	.50
Weston	.25
Clarksburg	.25
Beverly	.49
Morgantown	
Wheeling	.50
West Middletown	.50
Canonsburg	1.00
Washington	1.13
Waynesburg	.60
McGovern	

Allegheny District:—

Allegheny	.75
Chartiers	.50
Uniontown	
Brownsville	.67
Monongahela	
East Elizabeth	1.00
McKeesport	.57
South Side	
Bridgewater	.75
New Brighton	1.00
Meadville	.40
Franklin	1.00
Erie	.50
Bradford	1.00
Oil City	1.50
Charleroi	.25
Sewickley	.50
Belle Vernon	.25
West Newton	
Bellevue	.10
Total	$26.10

Respectfully submitted
I. B. Till, B.D.
Alexander Smothers,
Joshua J. Morris.

Missions.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your committee appointed to consider and report something of the work and progress of Missions, beg leave to submit the following for your consideration:

The missionary work is Christ's spirit in every Christian body. Without it the Church is dead and must soon become extinct. Missionary work may be considered under two divisions—the organized and the unorganized. The unorganized work began in this our great connection 1784–5, under Richard Allen. During the 56 years of our existence but little was known of organized work. Daniel Coker was the first missionary preacher, together with Father Spencer. In the year 1840, the connection took a firm stand along the line of mission work. In that year William Paul Quinn was sent out to organize churches and do the work of an evangelist. The west and much of the southwestern parts tell how faithful the work was carried on. This great champion for God and the race put new life in the connection; it simply brought a new era. When he reported in the General Conference that met in the city of Pittsburg in 1844, the holy spirit of missions spread over the entire connection. It was at this conference that the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized, and thank God it has continued until this day. For the interest of the conference, according to the figures in the quadrennial address of the Bishop of 1896, $136,985.80 has gone into the hands of our missionary secretaries since 1864. Of this amount $30,250 has been paid into the treasury in the past four years. This is supposed to be but 40 per cent. of the missionary money. The conferences have retained 60 per cent. showing that $202,466.37 has been retained and dispersed among the needy preachers of the conferences. This would make the great total collected in the interest of missions during the past 29 years, $327,438.90. We have great cause to thank God for the spirit that has laid upon the altar the amount stated.

Though we have done much with our limited means, yet much more can be done if the missionary spirit be properly concentrated and organized through the entire connection. Let us follow the spirit of the Master and it will lead us to success and victory. Guided by this spirit we could treble the amount of money for the extension of the Master's kingdom, and bless many a poor preacher that to-day is poorly supported because of the unorganized condition of the missionary work in our connection.

The Women's Mite Missionary Society reorganized in 1874 on a more systematic and substantial basis, has done good service and no small degree of honor is due to the third episcopal district in this work. Figures show that since 1874, $8,732.64 has been paid to the treasurer of this department by this connectional society. This is but a minimum of what can and ought to be done. So that we may have a clear idea of the law as governing the money of the Mite Missionary department we give the following: As the law presented is not clearly understood by many of the auxiliary societies, we deem it advisable to make it more explicit. According to the laws governing the Mite Missionary moneys, 40 per cent. shall be sent to the connectional treasurer at Philadelphia. But it shall be under the direction of the conference branches. The 60 per cent. coming from the auxiliary societies shall be sent to the Conference District Branch Treasurer, and these moneys shall be dispensed by the executive board of the Conference Branch Society with the approval of the Bishop of that district.

MISSION LITERATURE.

We highly commend the *Voice of Missions*, edited by our faithful and distinguished leaders, Bishops H. M. Turner and W. B. Derrick, as doing more to give impetus and life to the Missionary work than any other periodical to the church. This christian help ought to be read by every member of this Christian Church.

The faithful women of the church launched a missionary journal, near three years ago, known as the *Women's Light and Love for Heathen Africa*, under the management of Mrs. Lida A. Lowry and Mrs. Emma L. Ransom. It has done much to awaken a high interest among Christian ladies in the work of our Mite Missionary Societies. Its further publication is now left under the direction of a committee appointed by the General Conference held in Wilmington, N. C., May, 1896. We are hopeful of seeing a continuation of this very excellent periodical.

OUR FOREIGN WORK.

We are pleased to say that our work in Africa, under the management of our faithful leaders, is making excellent progress

The missionary work in Hayti, Demarara, and other parts of that Dominion is fair. Now as we cannot all go to Africa or Hayti, or even to different parts of our own country, and that our missionary work may be better supported we recommend that all of our churches take up an after penny collection, one cent or more from all who may be willing to give in the interest of the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth. All of which we submit.

W. S. Lowry,
Geo. C. Sampson,
W. C. Goens.

Dollar Money.

To the Bishop and Conference:—

We your Committee on Dollar Money respectfully submit the following report. Received from

Station	Members	Amount	Per cent.
Wylie Ave	494	$140.75	28
East End	160	71.25	44
Altoona	26	6.00	23
Williamsport	179	121.50	66
Scranton	83	50.50	60
Wilkes Barre	71	36.25	51
New Haven	104	38.00	36
Bellefonte	57	46.25	81
Braddock	37	21.75	58
Lewistown	23	2.50	10
Philipsburg	27	13.55	50
Bedford	25	8.50	34
Montrose	18	19.00	105
Bloomsburg			
Homestead	38	15.00	39
Tyrone	18	5.50	30
Milton	12	5.00	41
Pittston			
Lock Haven	27	16.10	52
McConnellsville			
Greensburgh	30	32.70	109
Duquesne	26	13.00	50
Total	1445	$663.10	43

Station	Members	Amount	Per cent
Allegheny District.			
Brown's Chapel	250	83.25	33
Chartiers	77	33.50	43
South Side	20	11.30	56
Monongahela	50	18.70	36
Brownsville	101	30.35	30
Uniontown	147	100.00	68
New Brighton	52	24.75	47
Meadville	68	30.75	45
Franklin	29	29.25	100
Erie	27	24.00	88
Oil City	112	68.25	59
Elizabeth	91	36.30	40
Bridgewater	36	23.75	64
Bradford	44	36.00	81
West Newton	46	11.65	25
McKeesport	29	13.75	47
Bellevue	12	7.00	58
Charleroi	18	18.25	101
Sewickley	30	19.00	68
Belle Vernon	23	6.00	26
Total	1262	$626.10	49
Wheeling District.			
Wheeling	36	34.50	95
Canonsburgh	164	50.30	30
Washington	190	93.10	48
Waynesburg	35	20.22	57
West Middleton	44	23.00	45
Clarksburg	44	20 00	45
Weston	17	6.00	35
Beverly	73	1.70	2
Boone		4.00	
Total	603	$252.82	41
Grand total from all districts	3310	$1542.02	45

Paid to Financial Secretary	$832.53	
Paid to Church Extension Secretary	154.46	
Conference Percentage	555.03	
Total		$1,542.03

We have examined the list of Dollar Money and find them all correct. Those brethren whose Dollar Money per centage is less than fifty per cent stated that they had done their very best to raise all the Dollar Money possible. Our confidence is that under the administration of Bishop Benjamin F. Lee, we shall have a great increase of Dollar Money next year.

WHEREAS Our Financial Secretary, Rev. M. M. Moore, has asked for four hundred thousand dollars for this quadrennial term, and

WHEREAS The General Conference at its last session took a step forward in the right direction in the election of two laymen General Officers in our connection which we hope will serve to create a greater interest

throughout the connection and arouse its members to speed the work unto greater conquests, therefore be it

Resolved. That we, the members of the Pittsburg Conference pledge ourselves to put forth greater efforts to raise our financial reports to a higher standard

Carter Wright,
A. B. Palmer
B. Wheeler.

Mission Board.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, the Pittsburg Conference Mission Board, beg to make the following report.

Realizing the fact that the work of Missions is one of the most important of the church, and upon which depends much of the future of the church, therefore be it

Resolved. That we do all in our power to make this department of our work a success,and to this end we do hereby recommend that each pastor endeavor to raise at least 20 cents per member from each of our charges for missionary purposes, which will give us about $640 00. And further

Resolved. That we do also ask the Mite Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Conference to use their utmost effort to appropriate out of their treasury $100.00 to the church at Barbadoes, and $200.00 to the home work.

We also recommend the appropriation of the following amounts to the following missions of West Virginia during the year.

Mt. Pleasant,	$36 00	
Vanderbilt,	36.00	
McGovern,	36.00	
Huntington,	36.00	
Sisterville,	24.00	
Martinsburg,	32.00	
Parkersburg,	36.00	
Charleston,	36.00	
Total appropriations,		$272.00

All of which we respectfully submit.

Committee,
P. A. Scott,
S. P. West,
S. Christian.

Admission.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Admission beg leave to submit the following report. We have examined Brother J. W. Hayes, M. C Harris and Stuart A. Lewis. They have made the following percentage: J W. Hayes, 75 per cent., M C Harris, 40 per cent., Stuart A. Lewis, 98 per cent and with the exception of Brother Hayes all married.

All of which we respectfully submit.

G. C. Sampson,
J. W. Riley,
W. H. Palmer, M.D.

First Year Studies.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on First Years Studies beg leave to submit the following report We have had before us and examined the following brethren in their presented studies. Spencer Eaton, Chas N. Butts and Joseph E. Morris. We are sorry to report that Brother Charles N Butts is deficient in all his studies showing no sign of having applied himself to Disciplinary questions during the year We recommend that he be continued in the first years studies. Bro. Spencer Eaton gives some evidence of having studied but fails to give satisfaction in the prescribed course; we therefore recommend that he be continued in the first years course. We find Bro Joseph E. Morris has made suitable proficiency, giving evidence of having been studious during the year; we therefore recommend that he be advanced to the 2nd years course.

Respectfully submitted
G. G. Skinner,
I. B. Till,
I. N. Ross.

Second Year.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Second Year Studies respectfully submit the following report:

We examined Jesse Wallace and found him to be fair in his studies; we therefore recommend him to pursue the Third Year Studies. We have also examined T. J. Askew, J.W. Brown, E. Bazier and Eli McKnight, in the Second Year Studies and found them to be deficient. We therefore recommend them to be continued in their studies.

Respe_tfully submitted,
W. H. Brown,
D. F. Caliman,
B. Wheeler.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We have examined Thomas B. Chambers for local deacon's orders and find that he is 66 years of age and very deficient in the studies, yet he is recommended by his church for the office of local deacon, the church having no local deacon to assist in burrying the dead and baptizing children in the absence of the pastor and on account of necessity we recommend him for the office of a local deacon.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Brown,
B Wheeler,
D. F. Caliman.

Fourth Year.

To the Bishop and Conference:

The committee on Fourth Year Studies makes the following report:

We have examined the Revs. J W. Sanders, R. H. Bumry, T. A. J. West and J. H. Pangburn. The committee finds Rev. J. W San-

ders, deficient in his studies and recommend that he be continued in the Fourth Year class. Rev. M. S. Jones arrived too late for examination; it was recommended that he be continued in the Fourth Year class. Revs. T. A J. West and R. H. Bumry, passed excellent examinations and were awarded the following percentages: Rev. West, 85 per cent., and Rev. Bumry, 95 per cent Upon the application of the quarterly conference, at Elizabeth, Rev. J H Pangburn is recommended to be ordained elder for local service.

Respectfully submitted,
C Asbury,
J. M Morris,
W. H. Coston.

Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We. your committee on Church Extension, submit to you the following report: Received in cash from the following named pastors and places:

Cranston, Rev. C. A. McGee	$ 3 00
Homestead, Rev. J. M. Morris, pastor	1 00
Altoona, Rev.J. P. Stephens, pastor	50
Total	$ 4 50

Receipts sent on from pastors of the following named places:

Jersey Shore	$ 75
Charleroi	1 75
Bradford	2 00
Caldwell	1 05
McKeesport	1 09
Duquense	1 00
Pittsburgh avenue	1 00
Wheeling	3 15
Greensburg	1 00
Braddock	2 50
West Middletown	2 00
Clarksburg	65
Franklin	1 25
Philipsburg	50
Bellefonte	3 82
Wilkes Barre	1 83
Titusville	6 45
Williamsport	5 00
Sewickley	2 45
New Brighton	1 15
Erie	2 50
Allegheny City	5 00
Elizabeth	5 50
Bridgewater	2 00
Monongahela	2 00
Bedford	1 31
Waynesburg	5 00
Canonsburg	6 58

Moneys reported without receipts from the following places, through their pastors.

Rev. I. N. Ross, Wylie Avenue	$ 14 00
Rev. P. A. Scott, Meadville	1 85
Rev. S. P. West Franklin	1 25
Rev. R. Tanner, Chartiers	2 50
Rev. W. S. Lowry, East End	3 00
Total	$ 22 60
Collected by Rev. Sealy, the missionary, Oct. 12	$ 4 50
Rev. R. H. Bumry, addition	05
Grand total from all sources	$ 101 23
Amount in treasury	$ 9 05

We also further recommend that the $4 50 which was raised last night for the church in Barbadoes be applied to that work.

Since the Church Extension department is an absolute necessity for the perpetuation and further advancement of our connection. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this 29th session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference do all in our power to make this department what it ought to be by the Great Head of the Church.

C. W. Woodson,
Daniel Newsom,
S. P. West.

The following amounts were asked for from the Church Extension Society: For Bedford, $100.00; for Monongahela, $100.00; for Clarksburg, and Homestead, $100.00, Sewickley, $75.00; Uniontown, $200.0 0.

Memoirs.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Memoirs submit the following:

In reviewing the illustrious characters of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who form important links in its history, none of them have played a more nobler part before lights of the world's busy stage of activity, than the one whose life we come to consider at this this hour. The Rt Rev. Alexander Washington Wayman, D. D., the seventh bishop of the A. M. E. Church, was born in Caroline County Md., September 21, 1821; he was converted at the age of sixteen and united with the M. E. Church. He was employed on his father's farm until his nineteenth year: On the first day of May, 1840 he left home and at Miles' River Ferry, he embarked for the city of Baltimore, Maryland.

The sixth General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Baltimore, was to him the center of attraction; his young heart having been brought under the influence of divine grace. In writing in his "Recollections of Forty Years," of the men who composed that body, he says: "These were the greatest men I had ever seen." Continuing his search for religious freedom, and for

the privilege to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, in June, 1840 he united with Bethel A. M. E. Church, Philadelphia, under African Methodist banners. October 16th of the same year he was licensed to preach, and later connected himself with the M. E. Theological Association in Philadelphia, Pa. After one year's study he was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference in company with Rev. Daniel A. Payne. He spent twenty-one years in the pastorate, during which time he became a most prominent character. He was a member of all the General Conferences from 1848 to 1892; was elected by the General Conference and ordained Bishop by the Rt Rev. William Paul Quinn, on the 16th and 22nd days of May, 1864, and continued with fidelity and loyalty to the end of his eventful life.

As Bishop, in some respects, he excelled. In executive ability, as well as in that of traveling and preaching the gospel truth to lost men and women in an effectual way, he had few equals, if any. As an organizer in the sphere of ministerial life, the Florida, Georgia, North Carolina Virginia, Illinois, and West Tennessee Conferences stand as monuments to his memory, and when all the facts of his long and useful life shall have been written by future historians, a final estimate of his most valuable life will be fully realized by coming generations.

Rev. Julius Vincent Page was born in Stanton, Virginia, Dec 10th, 1872. He came to Allegheny City, Pa, about ten years ago; was converted, and united with Brown Chapel A. M. E Church in Jan, 1889, under the pastorate of Rev. I. N. Ross, and was licensed to preach under the administration of Presiding Elder W. H. Brown in 1892. He was received into the Conference on probation, and was ordained Deacon in Oct., 1895, by the Rt. Rev. B. W. Arnett, D.D. He took sick while at conference, and coming home was compelled to take his bed, and in a short time he died, in the full triumph of faith, leaving a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter the Master's joy."

Brother Enoch Gilchrist, Local Deacon, was born at Milford Lehigh Co., Pa, in the year of our Lord June 21st, 1821. He departed this life on Dec 25th; 1895, aged 74 years and 6 months. He had been a resident of Williamsport about 55 years, and a professor of the Christian religion about 60 years. He had been a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church at Williamsport from the time of its organization, March, 1862. Having been married three times, he survived his third wife about two and one half years. He made himself useful in the work of the Church, noting with interest her claims, and progress. He was punctual in his attendance and earnest in his devotion, and was generally posted in the affairs of Church and Country. He was missed from the House of God; we listened for the coming of his feet, but alas, they came not. But on Christmas morning, while the bells were chiming in honor of the Natal Day of the world's Redeemer, the Golden Gate opened to admit the old and

tired pilgrim, whose coming was hailed by anxious and waiting loved ones in the land of joy and song.

Little Pearl A. Caliman, son of David F. Caliman, was born May 9th, 1884, and died Jan 30th, 1896 aged 11 years, 8 months and 21 days. He was taken ill in Sept., 1895, and gradually grew weaker until he was released by the Angel of Death. He was a bright and interesting child, and had an unusual regard for religious books for a child of his age. As an evidence of this he read three or four books through during the months of his illness, the last being a work of over 400 pages. About three weeks before he departed out of this world he gave evidence of his acceptance with God, and continued in ecstatic joy until the very last. Just before leaving this earth for his heavenly home, he called the family around his bed, and told them he was going to Heaven, and that he was ready and longing to go. He then closed his eyes and sweetly breathed his life out, reposing on the breast of the loving Saviour.

Alpheus F. Stephens was born Sept. 28th, 1895, in Altoona, Pa., and died July 13th, 1896. His parents were Anna and Joseph P. Stephens.

Joseph H. Barber died Jan. 29th, 1896, aged 9 years. Beatrice Barber, died Dec., 1895, aged 3 years. Their father was Rev. L. A. Barber.

They have gone to the glory land;
They have joined the Angel band;
But we'll meet them by and by,
In the home beyond the sky.

—*D. F. C.*

Respectfully,
D. S. Bently,
D. F. Caliman,
B. Wheeler.

Public Worship.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your committee on Public Worship desire to submit the following report: Preaching on Sabbath as follows: St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Washington, Pa., 11 a. m., Bishop B. F. Lee, D.D.; 3 p. m., Sister Amanda Smith; 7.30 p. m., Dr. T. W. Henderson, of Philadelphia, Pa. Jefferson avenue M. E. Church—11 a. m., Dr. John G. Mitchell, of Wilberforce, O.; 7.30 p. m., Dr. C. Asbury, P. E. First M. E. Church—7.30 p. m., Rev. R. A. Sealy, of Barbadoes. A. M. E. Zion Church—11 a. m., I. B. Till, of New Brighton, Pa.; 7.30 p. m., Rev. J. E. Morris, of Allegheny City, Pa. Nazareth Baptist Church—11 a. m., O. T. Davis; 7.30 p. m., Rev. C. A. McGee. Wylie Avenue A. M. E. Church Pittsburg, Pa—10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m., Rev. J. W. Jeffries. Third Presbyterian Church—7.30 p. m., Dr. W. H. Palmer, of Monongahela, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. H. Brown,
Dr. C. E. Asbury, P. E.
Rev. J. W. Riley, P. E.
Rev. R. H. Morris, Pastor.

Sunday School Union.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Dear Father and Brethren:—We have entered upon the work of another quadrennium, and we have but one aim in view—to expand and strengthen the interests of our Sunday School work—and we invite you to continue that earnest co-operation which has so strongly characterized your concern for the welfare of this department in the past.

We cannot be too solicitous for the welfare of our youth. There are many agencies at work seeking to gather them into other folds, and to capture the foundations upon which we have so long been building.

Above everything else, we need the service of field agents, the presence of least two competent persons to direct our Sunday School, Institute, and Convention work. We hold 175 Sunday School Conventions within the bounds of our Church each year, and they are known as District Sunday School Conventions. We should hold Annual Sunday School Institutes in connection with all our schools and colleges. We need trained workers who both know and appreciate the value of systematic work and of disciplined forces. The best and highest thought of people in all Christian lands is being directed toward the systematic improvement of Sunday School work. All the leading denominations have their agents in the field, and we should prepare at once to fall in line. We do not lack for men, but for money to support them.

The channel through which to obtain the required support has already been formed—namely, Children's Day. We can secure the service of two competent and zealous field agents at a salary of $1,000 a year, with an additional allowance of $500 for traveling expenses. We must give more aid to our mission Sunday Schools, and make greater effort in the organization of new Sunday Schools. In order to do this, we must increase our Children's Day collections. The public congregations, as well as the Sunday Schools, should be asked to contribute. The necessity for this is more apparent, since the Children's Day money is divided between the Church Extension Society and this department. It is of the utmost importance Children's Day money should be forwarded to the departments as soon as it is raised, and not retained and reported at the Annual Conferences. It is also important that we should make our Sunday School statistics correct and reliable.

We have started out fairly well in our business at the beginning of this quadrennium, and the circulation of our quarterlies and lesson papers has never exceeded 135,000 in any one quarter. Thus it will be seen that there are 215,000 persons connected with our Sunday Schools who are not supplied with our literature. We especially ask that the Presiding Elders look into this matter, and try to help us ascertain the cause why a majority of our Sunday School membership are not supplied with our own literature.

Earnestly praying God's blessings upon your deliberations, and sincerely trusting that you will give due attention to the needs of this department and the interest of our Sunday School work in general,

Fraternally,

C. S. SMITH,

Secretary and Treasurer A. M. E. S. S. Union.

P. S.—The sales of our Quarterlies and Lesson Papers now amount to twelve thousand dollars a year.

Education.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, to whom the subject of Education was deferred beg leave to submit the following report.

Education has long since been defined an Art. It is one of the finest of Arts and in every particular highly adapted to the intellectual development of all rational beings; some races of the human family have made greater advancement than others but such advancement have been credited to surrounding circumstances of life; the natural capacity of the human family are susceptible of intellectual entertainments Some of the most intricate problems of the higher sciences have been solved by students of all civilized races as well as some students of Pagan nations who have made such proficiency in higher mathematics and the languages to merit 85 and 90 per cent. Education and Christianity are two indispensable powers in this world. Education wakens thought and enlightens the mind and all the powers of the human intellect. The Christian religion illuminates the soul and sweetens the disposition of mankind. It unites with education on all moral subjects; it underlies the foundation of all civilized governments. Civilized Government derives its existence from Divine or moral government. The birth of education eminated from the Infinite Spirit of God and formed part of the moral government by which and through which civil government is derived and God exerts his energy in the world;therefore how vitaly important it is for every minister of the gospel to enhance the interest of a Christian Education; without it the moral law would be a dead letter to all rational beings and civil government unknown. Education is in part a mystery in itself and of itself, the will of God disclosed and revealed to finite beings. Education is to ignorance, superstition and idolatry what the sunlight is to darkness, and its influence over all the planets, and its effect upon our earth;therefore we cannot forget our beloved Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary and all the other schools, colleges and universities connected with the great A. M. E. Church for they are no less than light houses to the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we adhere to the following resolutions with unabated zeal.

WHEREAS, The indebtedness of Payne Theological Seminary must be removed as speedily as possible, therefore be it

Resolved, That we will do all in our power and as soon as possible to remove this indebtedness. And be it further

Resolved, That as one of the methods by which to raise money for Payne Theological Seminary we will organize Twentieth Century Clubs in our churches, and that these Clubs hold their regular meetings monthly, and that they hold two special meetings or entertainments during the Annual Conference year, the object of which shall be to raise as much money as possible for said Seminary.

Resolved, That the Admission fee be 10 cts per member and all money raised for said seminary be forwarded monthly by the secretary of the Twentieth Century Club to the Secretary of Payne Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Dean of said Seminary be requested to write out a Constitution aud By-Laws for said Clubs expressing the views of this Conference.

J. M. Morris,
S. C. Honesty,
R. H. Morris.

Publication Department.

To the Bishop and Conference:

It is a custom, I believe, of long standing for the General Business Manager of the Publication Department to give the conferences a printed statement of the condition of the department and in keeping with that custom I beg to submit the following brief statement of the affairs of the Concern at the present.

The General Conference which was held in Wilmington, N. C., saw fit in its wisdom, to entrust to my hands the management of the old and important department of publication and with fear and trembling I took charge on or about the first of June last and from that time till now I have been doing the best I could to run the business in such a way as to bring about the best results possible. How well I have succeeded I will leave for you to judge after you have read this statement through. It is known to you all that my predecessor, the talented scholar and christian gentleman, Dr. J. C. Embry, who had managed the affairs of the Concern with consummate skill and ability for twelve years was elevated to the high and holy office of a Bishop in the Church, and all said to him of his work: "Well done good and faithful servant, go up higher."

During his administration a new building with steam presses had been turned over to the connection and on my arrival at my post of duty I found everything in good order and a corps of compositors and clerks ready to do my bidding. The only embarrassment I found were the hard times and a great debt of about sixteen thousand dollars. This had come about as the result of erecting the new building, buying the presses and running the business at a considerable loss during the hard times that have afflicted all parts of our country for the past three years. The debt, however, would never have reached such huge proportions had the brethren who owed the Concern been prompt in their payments. It was impossible to run the business on a strictly cash basis, for there were a class of brethren who must, of necessity, be trusted, and as so many of them failed to pay afterwards, though begged to do so, the Concern naturally ran in debt for stock to replenish what was trusted out. There is to-day, in almost every conference (I hope this one is an exception) a number of dear brethren who owe bills to the Concern, which if collected would greatly relieve the present strain.

The hard times and other things had greatly reduced the circulation of *The Christian Recorder*, so the outlook on my taking hold, was by no means encouraging. I am very glad to say to you, however, that the present outlook is very gloomy. We have made several changes in our business. We have undertaken to run a real job printing department and the people have patronized us to such an extent that we are compelled to work day and night and also to employ additional printers and clerks. We have greatly changed the appearance of the store room and added several very important features. We now bid for all kinds of work, from the cheapest festival ticket to the largest book. We have invited preachers and people from everywhere to call at the store, see what we are doing and leave their orders with us. Many of them have done both. The people had long said that the price of *The Christian Recorder* was too high, so we begged the General Conference to reduce the price to One Dollar a year and to also make it obligatory on the presiding elders and pastors to see to it that every local preacher should subscribe to the paper; the result of the reduction has been an increase of almost a thousand new subscribers in the past three months. Presiding elders and pastors from almost every conference have taken hold of the work

and every day letters and lists of subscribers reach this office. If all will help we shall soon be sending out twenty thousand papers a week and then we shall no longer have to be appealing for help in every issue. All we need is the loyal support of the ministers of the Connection. There are still a class of pastors who will never say a word about the paper to their people and hence we have no subscribers in such men's churches. We hope you have been pleased with the late issues of the RECORDER and that you have noticed that we have taken out at least two pages of dead or standing matter and that we have been giving that much more space to fresh matter weekly. We now give each week, the Sunday School lesson with its exposition by one of the ablest writers. Also we are giving each week the Christian Endeavor topic with discussion of the same. The department for women and Children, we think is of much importance. We hope to make further improvements as fast as we can and all we ask in return is the influence of the brethren. I earnestly beg that each conference will give us the publication of their minutes. We will do them at a reasonable price. We will print them promptly and send them to the source directed in a satisfactory manner. I know that there are men in each conference who feel so little interest in their own Book Concern, that they oppose the idea of patronizing it, but I appeal to the class of men who feel that the Book Concern is a Connectional affair and that it belongs to all the conferences and that it ought to be made a paying department of the great church and I feel sure that such men being largely in the majority in each conference we shall sooner or later become the publisher of the minutes of all the conferences. I hope it may soon be arranged that a representative of the Book Concern may be appointed in each conference and that the large amount of money spent each year in paying the Manager's traveling expenses all over the country may be saved and that the agent in the conferences may be able to do just as much business as if the Manager was present in person. I now close, praying all to take an interest in their own Book Concern and if any have had reason to feel cool towards it in the past, that they may forget about it and give the new administration a chance to redeem the Concern in their estimation and regain their favorable consideration. Let me say once for all, dear brethren, if you buy goods from the Concern and ask for credit and it is granted, be prompt in payment. Bear in mind that the church has never put any capital behind the Concern to run it and we have none. We have to pay our help every week and all our bills on thirty days time and cannot therefore let out the goods of the Concern and wait a year for the money.

The present indebtedness in round numbers is about $16,000. The mortgaged amount is $8,187.53. The total valuation of the Concern is placed at $37,822.66.

I beg each of you now, without being asked again to come to me or my representative and pay for the year's subscription: think of it, only One Dollar, and if you owe us anything pay it at once and allow the business of the department to get such a start at the beginning of the present administration that at the end of four years we may all have something to be proud of. I shall be glad to hear from each of you dear brethren at any time and when you are in Philadelphia, make the Book Rooms your resting place and be assured we shall always have an open door and an outstretched hand with which to greet you.

Faithfully your obedient servant,

T. W. HENDERSON, MANAGER,
631 PINE STREET.

Philadelphia, Pa., August, 1896.

Educational Collection.

The Committee appointed to receive reports of all money collected for Educational purposes forwarded to Prof. S. T. Mitchell, A.M., and cash brought to the Annual Conference, viz: Those who reported receipts for cash received by Prof. S. T. Mitchell.

Rev. I. N. Ross	$62.00
" C. W. Woodson	6.93
" H. G. Thomas	3.00
" Robert Jordan	5.42
" W. N. Young	1.00
" R. H. Bumry	8.00
" W. H. Pride	3.40
" D. S. Beatley	21.93
" A. E. Waldon	3.46
" J. J. Norris	11.25
" G. W. Webster	5.00
" I. B. Till	9.00
" D. F. Caliman	22.00
" T. J. Askew	2.50
" J. M. Morris	2.45
" J. W. Young	6.00
" E. R. Bazier	4.00
" A. E. Smothers	5.00
" J. E. Morris	8 50
" S. C. Honesty	4.35
" H. A. Grant	14.00
" A. R. Palmer	1.27
" G. C. Sampson	30.06
" S. P. West	8.00
" Sandy Christian	2.56
" Robert H. Henderson	17.54
" Richard Brown	11.93
" T. A. J. West	9.40
" R. H. Morris	17.54
Pastor Beverly, W. Va., (marked)	4.00
Total	$311.43

All the above is backed up by receipts except Rev. I. N. Ross' $62.00 whose word is without question. Cash reported from the respective churches by pastors as follows:

Scranton	$5.00
Altoona	3.15
Philipsburg	2.53
Montrose	1.00
Weston	.50
Waynesburg	1.25
Belle Vernon	1.15
Erie	4.50
Chartiers	8.50
Total	$27.58
Subscriptions to Wilberforce	$97.25
Total Receipts and Cash subscriptions	$436.96

J. Morris,
S. C. Honesty.

Welcome Address by Rev. W. H. Morris, Pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Washington, Pa.

Bishops, General Officers and members of the Pittsburg Conference:

With great pleasure I appear before you to extend to you, on behalf of the members and congregation of this church, a hearty welcome. We bid you welcome to our homes and the comforts of our tables. Twelve years have passed since the Pittsburg Conference met in our city. Many changes have taken place in that time. Quite a number of our old members have passed beyond the shadows of the tomb and have received a glorious welcome on the beautiful shores of the better land. They are not here to bid you welcome to-night. If they could speak to you from their tombs, they would once more bid you a hearty welcome to St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, and to the homes of its congregation; but alas, they are gone. We have a few of the old battle-scarred soldiers left upon the field, who are permitted to look upon your honorable body. I bid you welcome in the name of these dear old pilgrims of the cross. Welcome to all they have. Death has called many of the old landmarks, but God has brought into the church many young men and women who are filling the places of the fathers and mothers of the church. On behalf of these young men and women; I bid you welcome to their homes and to whatever they may have for your comfort. We trust that your stay in our midst will be pleasant and that you may go out from here better prepared to preach the gospel. On behalf of the congregational members who are not Christians, yet are true to the banner of African Methodism, I again bid you welcome to their homes and the comforts of their tables. You, my brethren, have come from far and from near; some of you from poor fields of labor, and others from better charges, yet you are all here. We also bid you welcome to our little city, a city once noted for its oil and gas; we have as yet plenty of gas, both natural and artificial, and we shall expect more artificial gas before the adjournment of your conference. We are glad to have you come to our little city, named for that great and noble man, Washington. We have a town of street cars, glass factories, schools, churches, preachers, doctors and lawyers. You see that our church is located on one of the leading streets of our pleasant little city, with a membership and congregation a credit to the race. You, who are from the coal and coke regions of this state, and from the Yorkegheny river, others from the Allegheny mountains, and from the lake regions of this state, and from the West Virginia mission field, you are all here; your weary feet have reached the seat of another conference. I bid you welcome, and hope that your gathering here as a conference may prove a blessing to our city and to our church, and that you may go from here to your several fields of laborbetter prepared to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are welcome, brethren, to all of our homes and tables. Welcome to all.

Address of Rev. J. G. Mitchell, D.D., Dean of Payne Theological Seminary, Reported by J. W. Jeffries.

To the Bishop and Conference:

I am glad to have this pleasant opportunity to say something of the Educational Department of this great work of ours. I hardly know how to begin. I shall commence by telling you the situation and condition of the work, as I suppose many of you do not know anything as to the location of the University. It is situated in Greene county, three miles from Xenia, O.; beautifully located and pleasantly surrounded. The institution was organized in 1856 by the M. E. Church in the dark days of slavery, when cotton was king; but as the

war broke out the institution went to the wall. Bishop D. A. Payne purchased it for ten thousand dollars. In 1863 it was re-opened with students. Since then we have turned out five hundred graduates able to do almost any ordinary work. But we have reached the place in the history of the university where the times demand a greater work; we can do the work if we have better facilities, and with better advantages I believe we could have from five to six hundred students in the university every year. Connected with the institution we have had instructors from Edinburgh, Howard, Lincoln and other colleges of note throughout the country and the same of the best in the land. The principle that at present enlists us most is Payne Theological Seminary Department. We need more room and facility to carry on the great work. We come to you to ask you to help us in this cause. I am glad to tell you that several of the other conferences, namely, Ohio, North Ohio and the Indiana, have increased their efforts and doubled their contributions. I want to tell you that Wilberforce University is the largest and best in the world; that it is managed and controlled by colored people. In the Theological Department, since it has been instituted, we have graduated six or seven ministers who are doing good work for God. Paul said: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed." He was a theological teacher, and indeed this was not the first teacher nor the first school, for further back in antiquity the Prophet Elijah taught a school and the young men were trained and educated for the ministry to be sent out among the people. Upon one occasion he came to Gilgal and delivered a lecture; he found the school in a bad condition—a great famine was in the land. He found the students suffering and very hungry; he ordered one to go out and get some herbs and when they were brought, prepared and put into the pot to boil one of them cried out: "Oh, man of God, there is death in the pot." There were fifty or more in that one school and there were several of these schools over at Bethel. They were the life of the Church. Christ was a great student and afterwards became a great teacher. He studied the Divine Law—a student for thirty years, after which He came forth as a teacher. His preaching and teaching was love; He pleaded with men. Brethren, to accomplish the work assigned to you you must study, study, study the Divine law of love. Study means to make haste and it virtually means to set the whole man aglow with the fire of Divine love. The lawyer studies for money; the statesman studies for fame and to be acquainted with the laws of his country, but the minister of the Lord Jesus Christ studies to preach the gospel of Christ, to teach and instruct the souls of men.

The ministers of the gospel must study. The pew of to day is not the pew of years ago. We have an educated pew, and should we not have an educated pulpit? The great principal of truth is the same, but the application of it is quite different. We live in an age of progress, which is building up schools all over the country. Men are wanted who can carry the light, and they want sunlight and not moonlight. The pulpit must be able to lift up the pew. He is the speaker to the people of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy

Ghost. He knows how to send the word of God into the very hearts of the people He should be able to draw from nature and science and show them God in everything.

When I went South some said: "Oh, you can't get along in the South; you should not go down." I asked God to enable me to go South and He went with me. It was a great blessing to me and a glory to Him. No work is so important as the Christian ministry, as Christianity is the thinking power and the only thing that can lift up this sin-cursed world.

I want to live to see this institution put on a good financial basis, so that when I pass over and meet Bishops Payne, Ward, Shorter, Campbell and the host who have passed over, I want to be able to tell them that Payne Theological Seminary is giving the race an educated, consecrated ministry to meet the wants of the pulpit of the present day. May God help us to labor and pray to that end,

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Annual Sermon—Preached by Rev. R. Tanner, of Chartier Street A. M. E. Church. Collossians xi: 9

The speaker said that Christ is the theme of the gospel—Christ is to the Bible what the soul is to the body, its living and prevailing principles without Christ are a cold and lifeless system of history and moral precepts. The life and character of Christ must ever remain the noblest study for all men and the most beautiful of every age. Men like Galileo, Kepler, Bacon and Milton, set the name of Jesus above every other to show that no other subject of study can claim an equal interest. Richter says of Christ, He is the holiest among the mighty and the mightiest among the holy.' Napoleon said: 'I know men and I will tell you that Jesus is not a man for everything in him amazes me. Here the Apostle dwells upon the nature of Christ. His pre-eminence above all other creation; his possession of the fulness of God, and his appearance of the visible manifestation of God in the flesh and that in him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Diety, the divine essence that he is God over all, and blessed for evermore and with such a nature the Diety, with its plentitude of attributes, really and substancially as opposed to the types and shadows the clouds on Sinai. But the still voice in the desert, in the Tabernacle were the shadows of God. But in Christ is seen God in the flesh and exalted above thrones and dominions, principalities and powers. Your attention is called to the supreme object—love and confidence. There is a fullness in Christ for the destitute state of the human soul, suiting every condition, meeting every want and supplying every need. In him dwells a fullness of humanity. He was born, grew and hungered, sorrowed, died, buried as humanity" We have a high priest that can be touched with our infirmities.

In Christ dwells the fullness of the divinity. The word was God, made flesh and dwelt among us; God in the loftiest sense of the term means the infinite Creator and Sovereign of the Universe by whom all things were made. This was demonstrated at the baptism; the

transfiguration gave evidence to this truth, the magnetism of His word and the wonderful work of causing the lame to walk, opening the eyes of the blind and unstoping the deaf ear, bespeak the Divine power of Christ.

The divinity of Christ is proven by his control over all creation, the winds obey him, angels are His messengers. Judge of all men " I will reward every man according to his works. He works his sovereign will among the armies of Heaven and the children of men. In Him is found rest and confidence in the storm of life. In the foam capped waves of trouble, the child of God can stand at the post and cry, I can do all things with Christ who strengthens me. And high above the din of battle is heard the voice of the Commander saying: "Hold the fort for I am coming! Fight the good fight of Faith." "Like as a Father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that love Him." This truth is the hope of the world; the fullness of which is illustrated in the parable of the prodigal son, the shepherd seeking his lost sheep and all things set forth in the atonement. God's divine law had been broken; in all the diligent search, none was found worthy to appease his wrath and re-establish his divine law; but Christ came into the world with angelic strain, suffered and died; conquering death, and snatching victory from the grave—led hell and the powers of darkness captivity captive, and secured redemption through His blood.

The atonement teaches that in Christ's existence the fullness of mercy filled up the gulf, bridged the chasm, opened prison doors and set captives free, bound up the broken heart and proclaimed spiritual emancipation. In Christ is the fulness of physical life. The Son hath life in himself, and of this fullness he gives his children. The new life is not feeling, excitement or enthusiasm, but a spiritual resurrection.

When God breathed into Adam the breath of life, the chest heaved, lips moved, heart throbbed, eyes opened and he became a living soul. And so in the spiritual life. The heart beats with joy, eyes open on things bright and glorious, This life is obtained on conditions of faith. "He that believeth in the Son of God hath eternal life" "I will give to him that thirsts of the water of life." Then He means to give us this eternal life here in time. Why are there so many weak; is it because there is not sufficient? Nay, nay, there is enough for each, enough for all, enough forevermore.

In Christ dwells the fullness of joy. At the giving of the law, Sinai's crest smoked, thick clouds of darkness hung between heaven and earth, while trumpets pealed and lightning flashed. All this was a symbol of the terror of the law. But at the advent of Christ, angelic choristers came so near to earth, that men heard them as they proclaimed glad tidings of great joy.

His name shall endure forever, and His fullness shall fill the whole earth. And even the earth trembles beneath the steady tread of the Lord's host, and soon on our expectant ears shall burst the shout: Hallelujah, the Lord omnipotent reigneth!

We stand now, waiting for the grand chorus when the sons of morning and the church he purchased with his own blood will raise their

united voices in praise to Him in whom dwelleth the fullness of the godhead bodily. God grant we may meet, to swell the chorus. Amen.

(Abridged slightly.)

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The life, character and service of a great man in the history of a generation marks the mile stones on the highway of intellectual, moral and religious progress, thus showing how far human effort can carry us, and

WHEREAS, The late General Conference held in Wilmington, N. C., in the distribution of the gifts and graces of its Episcopates, honored the Pittsburg Conference with a distinguished churchman, ladened with those rich elements which constitute a grand and noble manhood.

WHEREAS, Such a character as described in these resolutions is found in the person of the Rt. Rev. Benjamin F. Lee, D.D. who comes to command the religious forces of a conference, the record of which we are not ashamed. Therefore be it,

Resolved That we the members of the twenty-eighth session of the Pittsburg Conference here assembled hail his coming with delight.

Resolved, That a bishop of a conference and its ministerial rank have one common interest to maintain and one common Lord to serve.

Resolved, That we give to Bishop Lee our hearty co-opeartion in every possible way and thereby help to make his administration a complete success and this one of the grandest conferences that go to make up our time-honored connection.

D. S. Bently,
Cornelius Asbury.

WHEREAS, The thought of this Nation has been directed during all its history by its educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, As civilization has advanced it has only kept pace with the growth and development of these institutions, be it

Resolved, That we rejoice in the fact that we have Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary and other institutions of learning owned and managed by Afro-Americans that are doing their part for the elevation of mankind, be it

Resolved, That we return to Rev. John G. Mitchell, D.D., Dean of Payne Theological Seminary, a vote of thanks for his able, logical and forcible address on Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary and the necessity of an educated ministry.

H. A. Grant,
W. H. Brown.

Resolved, That we return a vote a thanks to Rev. R H. Morris for his address of welcome on behalf of the church and people; Rev. J. W. Riley, P. E., on behalf of the district; Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., on behalf of the conference; Judge McIlvaine, presiding Judge

of Washington county, Pa., on behalf of the city; Rev. D. S. Bentley, Rev. W. S. Lowry, Rev. G. C. Sampson, who also spoke, have our thanks for their replies to the above addresses.

H. A. Grant.

Resolved, That we are pleased to have present at this conference as a visitor Sister Amanda Smith, a distinguished member of the A. M. E. Church, and who is known and honored by the Christian world.

H. A. Grant,
W. H. Brown.

WHEREAS, The Pittsburg Conference of the A. M. E. Church has been honored as well as blessed by the presence of the greatest woman Evangelist of the Christian world in the person of Sister Amanda Smith, and

WHEREAS, Her presence has greatly added to the spiritual benefit received, and

WHEREAS, Sister Smith is now engaged in founding a home in the City of Chicago to be known as the "Colored Orphans' Home," the object of which is to provide for the care of orphan children; therefore be it

Resolved. That the Pittsburg Annual Conference in session assembled, heartily endorse the project of Sister Smith as being worthy of the financial and moral support of all persons irrespective of religious belief, and that it further demonstrates the advance position now being taken in the practical application of the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ; therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge upon all persons to contribute to this noble and Christian effort, feeling assured that all contributions will be judiciously applied for the purpose for which it is asked. Be it

Resolved, That the Pittsburgh Conference contribute such financial assistance as its ability will allow.

R. H. Bumry,
W. H. Brown.

Resolved, That the visits of T. W. Henderson, D.D., General Manager of the A. M. E. Church Publication Department; H. B. Parks, D.D., Secretary of Missions, to the Pittsburg Annual Conference are hailed with delight and that we shall do all in our power to help make said departments of our Church more successful than ever before.

H. A Grant,
W. S. Lowry,
P. A Scott.

WHEREAS, The passage of the "Sheat's Law" in Florida, the action of the South Carolina Constitutional Convention, the articles in *The Examiner*, *New York Tribune* and *The Century* regarding the kind of education which should be given to the Negro of the South is a direct blow at their further elevation to the sphere of a high education, and

WHEREAS, We understand the object of their laws, articles and utterances to limit the education of the Afro American to industrial and practical training, and

WHEREAS, We know by history and experience that the mind of the Negro is just as capable to be educated as highly as that of any race-variety in the world.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, in view of what the Negro has done and is doing for a higher education, regard all who oppose his upward progress as ignorant, prejudiced and enemies both to God and humanity as a whole.

H. A. Grant,
I. B Till B.D.,
D S. Bentley, D.D.

WHEREAS, the members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference are blessed with a learned, profound and progressive thinker—sound in judgment, wise in counsel and purely impartial to all—Rt. Rev. Benjamin F. Lee, D.D., LL.D.

Resolved, that while we regard Bishop Benjamin F. Lee as one of the greatest scholars and representative men of this country, we also exceedingly rejoice in the fact that he is a christian gentleman in every particular, whose heart is full of sympathy and action for the bettering of the condition of mankind. Be it further

Resolved, that Bishop Lee has our thanks for the very dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the 29th session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference.

Resolved, that we heartily thank the members and friends of the St. Paul A. M. E. Church, for their generous hospitality extended to the members of this conference, and that we pray that God may crown their every effort and eventually crown them with an everlasting salvation.

Resolved, that we are exceedingly grateful to our beloved brother and sister, Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Morris, for their unique arrangement for the comfort of the members of this conference

Resolved, that we highly appreciate the singing of the choir of St. Paul A. M. E. Church in rendering such soul-reviving music, as to cause our spirit to soar away to mansions beyond the sky and sweetly commune with God.

Resolved, that we thank the Secretaries of conference for the faithful performance of their duties

esolved, that we thank the papers of this city for their courtesy in the publication of the business transactions of our conference.

Resolved that we highly appreciate the strict attention of the sexton in the care of this church, during our session here.

H. A. Grant,
M. L. Nettles.

WHEREAS, Brother I. N. Ross has spent thirteen years of successful pastoral works with in the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference, and

WHEREAS, he has endeared himself to us by his kindly deportment and noble acts, and

WHEREAS, the bishop and conference has transfered him to the North Ohio Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, that in parting with him, we are cognizant of the fact that we will loose one of our most useful co-laborers. Be it further

Resolved, that we pray earnestly that his efforts may be as fruitful in his new field as the one he leaves and that the light of gospel truth may ever reflect its cheering rays along its pathway.

D. S Bentley,
D. F. Caliman,
A. R. Palmer.

WHEREAS, the Pittsburg Conference is about to lose its association by the transfer of one of its most amiable and zealous workers, in the person of Rev. B. Morgan; therefore be it

Resolved, that we regret the departure of our esteemed co-laborer and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, and pray for the continuation of the blessings of Him, who is our peace, in trouble, and our shield, in the battle of right against wrong; be it further

Resolved, that we heartily recommend our friend and brother to his new associates as being loyal to the cause of Christ, His Church, and the race.

George C. Sampson,
R. H. Bumry.

WHEREAS, The people of Cuba have been the objects of oppression, rapine and murder and are now engaged in an heroic effort to obtain their liberty, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the representative members of the A. M. E. Church of the United States of America, accord to them our sympathy and convey to them a knowledge of our petition to Almighty God that He will behold them with mercy, succor them from murder, protect them from increasing oppression and comfort them with the sense of His benevolent purpose.. W. H. Coston, B.D.,
I. N. Ross,
W. S Lowry,
D F Caliman.

Special Committee

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your committee appointed to investigate the cause of Rev. Chas. Brown, find after investigation that Brother Charles Brown's conduct was unministerial, therefore we recommend that he be discontinued from the itinerant ranks.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Sampson,
B. Wheeler,
C. A. McGee,
B. Morgan,
J. M. Morris, Sec'ty.

Book Steward.

To the Bishop and Conference:

The undersigned Book Steward of the Pittsburg Annual Conference beg leave to report the following:

There were published 1,300 copies of the minutes of the last Conference which were distributed as follows:

Name	No.	Value	Express	Price
Bishops and General Officers	35			
Pastors	56			
J. W. Riley for West Virginia	35			
I. N. Ross. Wylie Ave	60	$9 00	$ .45	$8.55
W. S. Lowry, East End	40	6.00		5.00
J. P. Stephens, Altoona	20	3.00		3.00
D. F. Cahman, Williamsport	50	7.50	.75	6.75
C. A. McGee, Scranton	30	4 56	.35	4.15
J. W. Jeffries, Wilkes Barre	40	6.00	.50	5.50
C. N. Woodson, New Haven	25	3 50	.50	3 00
H. A. Grant, Bellefonte	30	4 50	.30	3.00
S. C. Honesty, Braddock	20	3.00	.25	2.70
T. J. Simmons, Lewistown	20	3.00		
R. M. Henderson, Philipsburg	25	3.75	.25	3.50
Sandy Christian, Tyrone	15	2.25	.30	1.95
Charles Garner, Bedford	20	3.00	.35	2.65
O. T. Davis, Montrose	30	4.50	.80	3.70
Hutchinson Johnson, Bloomsburg	10	1.50		
W. N. Young, Greensburg	18	2.70	.25	2.45
J. M. Morris, Homestead	15	2.25		
Charles Butts, Milton	10	1.50	.30	1.20
T. J. Askew, Lock Haven	10	1.50	.25	1.25
Israel Holmes, Pittston	10	1.50		
Cyrus Young, Bedford	8	1.20		
D. S. Bently, Brown's Chapel	55	8.25	.25	8.00
R. Tanner, Chartier	35	5.25	.25	5.00
C. H. Brown, South Side	25	3.75		
A. E. Waldon, Monongahela	21	3.15	.35	2.80
Richard Brown, Brownsville	26	3.90	.45	3.45
W. C. Goens, Uniontown	40	6.00	.40	4.00
I. B. Till, New Brighton	25	3.75	.45	3.30
P. A. Scott, Meadville	30	4.50	.35	4.15
S. P. West, Franklin	21	3.15	.35	2.80
J. P. Wallace, Erie	21	3.15	.45	2.70
B. Wheeler, Elizabeth	16	2.40		
J. J. Norris, Bridgewater	25	2.45	.45	2.00
G. C. Sampson, Oil City	25	3.75	.70	3.05
G. G. Skinner, Bradford	25	3.75	.75	3.00
A. R. Palmer, McKeesport	21	3.00	.35	2.65
M. S. Jones, Bellevue	15	2.25		
G. W. Webster, Charleroi	15	2.25	.25	2.00
T. A. J. West, Sewickley	10	1.50	.30	1.20
J. W. Brown, Belle Vernon	10	1.50	.25	1.25
R. H. Bumry, Wheeling	35	5.25	.25	5.00
W. H. Pride, Clarksburg	20	3.00	.45	2.65
R. H. Morris, Washington	35	5.25	.50	4.75
C. Wright, Canonsburg	35	5.25	.35	4.90
D. Newsom, Waynesburg	15	2.25	.45	1.80
W. H. Coston, Clarksburg	12	1.80		
Eli McKnight, Morganton	10	1.50		1.05

Name	No.	Value	Express	Price
Alex Smothers, W. Middleton	18	2.70	.50	2.20
L. A. Barber, Blackville	10	1.50	.30	1.20
E. Bazier, Beverly	20	3.00	.85	.75
J. W. Sanders	10	1.50	.75	.75

Total Receipts from minutes this year $134.80. Paid balance on last years minutes, $13.45. Balance in hand $121.35.

D. S. Bentley, Book Steward, Washington, Pa.

Appropriation.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Appropriations wish to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Dollar Money	$1,542.02	
Contingent	125.66	
Conference Missionary Society	52.25	
Missionary Money brought to Conference	213.74	
Women's Mite Missionary	55.09	
Special Missionary Collection	19.98	
Special Collection to Church at Barbadoes	4 50	
Payne Seminary	69 63	
Wilberforce College	27.63	
Endowment Day Money	27.65	
Church Extension	4.55	
Sunday School Union	3.50	
Bible Cause	24.58	
Grand Total		$2,170.77

DISBURSEMENTS.

Church Extension	$154.20	
Financial Secretary	832.53	
Woman's Mite Missionary	55.09	
Wilberforce Endowment Money	27.65	
Payne Seminary	69.63	
Wilberforce College	27.62	
Church Extension Money	4.03	
New York Bible House	24.58	
Sunday School Union	4.02	
Missionary Sec'y H. B. Parks	9.98	
Church at Barbadoes	4.50	
Total sent		$1,223.83
Dollar Money		$555.03
Rev. W. G. Ralph, Superanuated		100.00
Clarissa West, widow of W. C. West		25.00
Grace Offer, widow of W. H. Offer		25.00
Anna E. Jackson, widow of Robert Jackson		25.00
Mary E. Russell, widow of J. E. Russell		35.00
Margaret Evans, widow Nathaniel Evans		25.00
Fanny Cyrus, widow Thomas Cyrus		25.00

Mary Watt, widow of Samuel Watt	25 00
Two children of Samuel Lacy	10 00
One child of David Lewis	5 00
Two children of J. B. Jackson	20 00
Jennie Johnson, widow of David Johnson	35.00
Margaret Jones, widow of S. T. Jones	25 00
Mrs. C. Brown and children	10.00
Episcopal and residence	100.00
Scholarship to Payne Seminary, F. E. Bowser	50.00
Total	$540 00
Balance	$15.03
Missionary money to make up allowance for support	$265.99

Name	Support	Supplement
J. W. Riley	$397.00	$25.00
O. T. Davis	115.00	15.00
H. G. Thomas	200.00	5 00
J. E. Morris	97.00	5.00
Charles Garner	47.00	15.00
T. J. Askew	168.00	10.00
Eli McKnight	96 00	10.00
Sandy Christian	175.00	10.00
A. E. Waldon	125.43	10.00
D. G. Cole	12.00	15.00
J. P. Stephens	292.00	10.00
M. S. Jones	130.00	5.00
T. J. Simmons	71.00	10.00
B. Morgan		10.00
A. Smothers	116.00	10.00
W. N. Young	140 00	10.00
T. A. J. West		10.00
L. A. Barber	23.00	15.00
C. H. Butts	47.00	10.00
J. S. Eaton		5.00
W. H. Pride	140.00	10.00
R. M. Henderson	269.80	5.00
S. P. West		5.00
J. M. Morris		10 00
G. W. Webster		5.00
J. J. Norris		1.50
Eli Bazier (loan for 60 days)		5.00
Incidentals		10.00
Total		$266.50
Deficit taken from contingent fund		.51
Contingent Receipts		$125.66

Disbursements

R. H. Morris, Conference Contingent Expenses	$35.24
Bishop Lee Traveling Expenses and Incidentals	30.00
Conference Stationary, etc	13 85
Henry Smith due on old account	10.00
Book for Dollar Money Committee	.75
Amanda Smith's Home	10.00
D. F. Caliman, Secretary	10.00
P. A. Scott, Statistical Secretary	7.00
W. H. Palmer, Transcribing Secretary	5.00
To Janitor	8.00

Total		$123.99
Added to Missionary Fund		.51
Total		$124.51
Balance		$1.16

RECAPITULATION.

Grand Total Received in Cash		$2,170.97
Appropriated to Departments	$1,223.83	
" Preachers, Widows and Orphans	540.00	
" Preachers' Support Allowance	266.50	
" Contingentcy	124.50	
Total Appropriated		$2,154.83
Balance in Treasury		$16.94
Sixty day Note of Eli Bazier		$5.00
Total		$24.91

Respectfully submitted
W. H. Brown,
J. W. Riley,
Cornelius Asbury,
J. P. Wallace.

Children's Day Report.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Children's Day report the following:

D. F. Caliman	$5.00
Richard Brown	1.05
R. H. Morris	6.45
Thomas Weaver	1.00
D. S. Bentley	5.00
O. T. Davis	1.00
R. M. Henderson	2.74
Charles Garner	1.31
J. E. Morris	1.26
C. W. Woodson	3.20
T. J. Askew	.75
W. W. Jackson	2.50
C. E. Jones	2.45
A. Smothers	2.00
J. P. Wallace	2.59
I. B. Till	1.15
G. W. Webster	1.75
A. R. Palmer	1.10
J. J. Morris	2.00
B. Wheeler	5.55
Daniel Newsom	5.00
R. H. Bumry	3.10
By Receipts	27.65
By Cash	3.50
Total	$90.70

Respectfully submitted
R. Tanner,
R. M. Henderson,
D. G. Cole.

Episcopal Residence.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Episcopal Residence desire to make the following report. During Commencement week at Wilberforce University your Committeeman, G. G. Skinner, in conjunction with Dr. W. T. Anderson of the North Ohio Conference and Dr. W. J. Johnson of the Ohio Conference did rent the property known as the Mrs. Dr. Mitchell property, situated at Wilberforce, Ohio, for an Episcopal residence to be occupied by our presiding Bishop, Benj. F. Lee, D.D., LL. D., for which we have agreed to pay a rental of $16.00 per month. We further agreed to furnish said residence at a cost not to exceed four hundred dollars per year. We also suggest that each pastor be requested to double the Contingent collection so as to be able each year to meet this obligation without any embarrassment. We also suggest that the Conference elect or cause to be appointed three trustees or committeemen who shall co-operate with the Trustees or Committeemen of the two Ohio Conferences in supplying the needs of the Episcopal Residence.

Respectfully submitted
G. G. Skinner,
W. H. Coston,
C. Wright.

DOLLAR MONEY ROLL.

Pittsburg District.

Wylie Ave , A. M. E. Church—Rev. I. N. Ross, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar. Mrs Bailey, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. Mrs. Henry Stanton Mrs Alice Hopkins, Mrs. Hattie Murdoch, Mr. A S. Billows, Mr. Stephen Cox Mrs. M. S. Ditcher, Mrs. Carry Ball, Mr. Joseph Evans, Mr. H. F. Jones Mrs. E. Winn, Maggie Collins, Mr. L. Cooper, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Mr. Henry Myers, Miss Hallie James, Mr. George DeDelany, Fannie Jackson, Lavinia Ball Sadie Jackson, Sterling Austin, M J. Billows, E. Washington, Julia K. Thomas J. Grandison, J. W Webster, Martha Reed, Samuel Shreeves, G. S. White, Birdie Derico, David Merrit. Richard Delaney, J. Baltimore, H. Robinson, John Howard Esaw Reid, Mrs. Paul Jones Mattie Delaney, Wm. Coates, G. W. McDaniels, D. Gordon, C. A. Sims, N. Thompson, G. W. McDaniels, H. D. Woodson, Taylor Jones, F. G. Armstrong, Gracie P. Offer, A. Burriss, Mary Dickson, T J Monroe, Robert Brady, M. D , Sarah Faliner, Mary V Brady, D. J Duiguid, Wm. H. Rodgers, Ida Lee, Moses Ditcher, A. Baltimore, Robert Jackson, R R. Thompson, Wilson Palmer, Katie Jackson, E. Hawkins, Lidy Kane, R. W Beckett, J. A. Hopkins, D. J. Duguid, W T. Miller, Willis Austin, Henry Wells, B. Mahoney, Thomas Jobes, P. W. Douse, W. H. Jones, T. R. Roach, J G Palmer, Rebecca Aldrige C W Palmer, Lizzie Gibson, Annie Herbert, Mrs Peck, Mamie Moles, H. Coleman, Hampton Herbert, E. C Robinson Wm. Banks, J P Golden, Dr. Golden, E Shields, S Roach, Lillie Delany, Mrs. C. W. Palmer. A. Winn, 2.00; Mr. Gilbert, 2.00; Geo. L . Taylor, 1.50; Charles H, Jones, 1 50.

The following paid 25 cents: Harry Dodds, W H. Thompson, Mary M Brady, C. Beckert, D. Haines, Robert Sows, Mrs. Whiting, Annie Dickson. Charlotte Austin. Mamie Dammond. Mary Fields, M. Dimmey, J. E Thompson, 75; Margarett R Thompson, 75; E McDaniels, Eliza Banks. O W. McDaniels Mrs. Warren Ellen Rodgers, R. McDaniels. Mary Henderson 75; M. E Jones, 50 cents.

The following paid one dollar; Rev. George B. Knox, E. E. Humbert Jane Lovett I. J. Hall, J. W Hayes, Walter Billows, Henrietta Golden Samuel Golden, Mrs. Gould, Abraham Winn, Taylor Aldridge, Elizabeth Hunter, Geo Eglend, J. H. Backus, L. Tyre.

Williamsport, Pa.,—Rev. David F. Caliman, Pastor.

Randall Allison, Margaret Brooks, Victoria Branson Berkley Blue, M. Louise Blue, Belle Blue, Alonzo Watson Perry Summers, Maria Wesley, Jane Jackson, Moses Butler, L. F. Stevenson, Mary E. Stevenson, Rebecca Robinson, Sadie Thompson, Joseph L. Anderson, James H. Willis, Sarah A. White, W. H. Hopkins, Annie Z. Goings, Lizzie Gant, Maggie Alexander, Charlotte Jones, T. F. Norton Mrs. T. F. Norton, Annie C. Alexander, Sarah T. Smith, Annie M. White, Mary E Blue Mary Wagner, Mercy Newark John Fairfax. Jr., Elias Alexander Joseph Jones, Willis Branson, Hannah Green, Anna M. Newmans, Catharine Summers, Henrietta Davis, Sarah Carrol, Ella Mattaur, Mamie Russell, Charlotte Dockens, Sadie Jackson, Annie L. Butler, Alexander Phillips, Harvey Dorsey, Annie M. White, Cora Taylor, Hattie Hall Florence E. Butler, J. H. Gross, Mazie C. Hughes, M. C. Willis, Susan Kennedy, Sarah Jones, Job Jones Angie E Burrows, Lizzie O'Brien, Mary E. Harris John H. White, Catharine F. Derry, Sarah White, Maggie Wood, George Butler, Sampson Reynolds, Emma Reynolds, Charlotte Blue, David Blue, George Wagner, Jerry Blue, Josephine Washington Harriet Hagan, Ozie Watson, Ester Newman. Henry Newman, Sarah Williams, Lizzie Powell, Sarah Jackson, Rebecca Barber, Isaiah White, M W. Wood, C. H. Butler, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Manery Reed, Mary Suthers, Charlotte Harris, Rosie Sanders, Hannah Johnson. Lizzie Bazan, Lewis Cuff, Josephine Jones, Henry Stokes, Edward Blue, Henrietta Harris, Mary E. Emory, Oliver P Jenkins. Clara Watson, Cap. B. Thompson, Mrs. William Slaughter, W. H. Parker, Thornton Tanner, David Anderson. W. H. Stokes, J. E. Stevens, D. C. Fisher, Emma Allison, Thomas E. Gross, Eugene Stokes, Sylvester Pleasant, William Cross, Fred Tibbs, John Russell. Paid 75 cents: Emma Wilson; paid 50 cents: Clarence Blue, Nancy Peterson Bella Russell, Iva O'Brien, Mary Francis, Sarah Gross, Mary Johnson Moses Parker Annie Battles, Nellie Boon, Martha Goings. Blanche Tillman, Katie Reeler; paid 25 cents: Ruthela Robinson, Douglass Green, John Goodall.

Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church—Rev. W. S. Lowry, Pastor.

Tillie Graham, $2.00, (omitted last year), Jane Auderson, $1.50;

Addie Jones, $1.25. The following paid one dollar. Mary E Tobias, Wm. Thompson Hattie Solomon, Josephine Ashfield, Wm. Scott Louisa Scott, George Bullitt, J Solomon, Caroline Fields, R Wheeler, Anna B White, Mary E Lovett, Amanda Branson, W A. Brooks, Sophia Truly, Lila A. Lowry, Carrie D. Harper, Florence Hardin, Mary O. Brient, Morris L Meredith, Charles Coy, Alice Scott, Royal Wheeler, Marshall Benenan Norman Solomon, Levi Grayson, W A. Lisbey, Hester William, Ellen Banks Malinda Smith F E. Bowser, U G Justice. Sallie Coy. Alex. Kelly Victoria Kelly Mary Addison. R. Paul, Lizzie Deams, F E Bowser, Maggie Fields S Bransom, J B Jackson Ellen Anderson Emma Sherrow, Hattie yrine, Lucinda A Thompson, Early Strothers, C. Addison, T Stuart C Washington, G W. Gant S. Cuff, Josephine Patience, Hester Jackson, Birty Bullit, C Bullit Lula Blair, Bessie Carter, Martha Beasley, Robert Beasley, Addie Stewart, M. Nelson, Laura Bullit E. E. O Bryant.

The following paid fifty cents: Fannie Barkes, Cora Barkes, Gertrude Thompson, Ida Paul, Ella Thompson

The following paid twenty-five cents: Francis Justice, Minona Lovett, F Bullit

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Scranton, Pa.—Rev. C. A. Magee, Pastor

The following paid one dollar each: Mary Tillman, Festus Crump, Amy Brown, Marshal Tinker, Mamie Tinker, Sarah Walker. Emily Porter, Mary Bates, Anna L. Davis, Lilly Smith, M. B. Howard, Charles Smith (50 cents); Luly Smith (50 cents); Minnie Howard, Carrie Curney, Martha E. Brown Jeremiah Logan A. Porter, Horace Johnson, Samuel J. Porter, Carrie Jackson, Edward Jackson, Cephas Scott John W. Dorsey, Mary E Johnson Mary E. Harris, (50 cents) Maggie Lilly (50 cents) Martha E Harris, William K. Harris, Florence Lilly, Peter Hart Annie Lee, G. W. Brown, John Brown, Walter Johnson, Dan Dorsa James Foster, Jeremiah Plater, Fannie Williams Fannie Foster, Clara Stackhouse Gay McGee, Susie Sampson Virginia Thomas, Charlotte Scott, (70 cents); Edward Nelson Margaret Evans, Alie Nelson, J. P King Eli T. Ivory.

The following paid 50 cents: Florence A Smith, Lula Dorsey, Jos. Foster, Sadie Morton. Charlotte Scott, (70).

The following paid ten cents: Antinett McGee, Lewis A McGee, Grace McGee.

BELLEFONTE, PA.,—Rev H A. Grant, Pastor.

Minnie Freeman $1.50. The following paid one dollar:—Edward Overton, Florence Overton Mary Pennington, Angie Conrad, Mary Millrr, Louisa Dunlap, J H. Grimes, Alfred Steward, Anna Steward, William Mills, Celia Mills, George Brown, W H. Jackson Frank Miller, Thomas Pennington. B Williams, Margret Powell, Lucy Steward, Adaline Lawson, Maria Green, Martha Miller, Hattie Williams, Clara Williams, Nettie Palmer, Katie Miller, W Harding, G Thomas Ella Thomas, Cecelia Williams, J Carter, Anna Brown, Samuel Robinson, Jefferson Haden, Ella Steward, Thamazine

McDonald, Ella Snyder, Peter Jones, Maggie Valentine, Letta Carter, A C. Piper, Bertha Thomas.

The following paid fifty cents: Matilda Dorsey, Anna Thomas, Martha Overton Emma Green, Luther C. Green, Jessie S Green.

The following paid twenty-five cents: J Embry, Lawrence Williams, Henry Williams.

NEW HAVEN, PA.—Rev. C N. Woodson, Pastor.

Levenia Coleman, $1 50 The following paid one dollar: Hattie Wallace, Lizzie Jones, Delia Woodson, Annie Washington, Mary White, Mary Gordan, Elizabeth Ross, Annie Buchuana, Harriet Baker, Maggie Jones, Annie Jackson, Sarah Fox, Emma War, Menear White, Kate Jackson Virginia Taulton, Virginia Benford, Willie Bnchnana, W M Speaks, S. T McFall, C. E. Brown, J. Buchanan, John Brown, W. M. Coleman, Johnston Fox, B Jones, Nettie Hunt Elsie Gardener, George Jackson Mary Lewis W. M. Cager, John War.

The following paid 50 cents: J. H Thompson Mary Thompson, Georgie Woodson, E. Lowman W. H. White, Fannie Burkley, Lew Moset.

The following paid 25 cents: Edward Watt, Wilhemina Woodson, Waymon Woodson, Leah Woodson

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Wilkes Barre, Pa.—Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Henry Miller, Robert Cheeseman, Mary E. Miller, Elijah Robinson, Adam Woodson, William Mickens, Margaret Sharkey, Martha Rasper, Cornelius Pegram, Clarissa Norman, Samuel Patterson, A. E. Chapman, Mrs. William Dennis Samuel Norman, Maud Murray, Samuel J. Murray, Henry Johnson, Augustus Eddison, S J. Welcome, John Logan, M. C. Johnson, E. J. Thompson

The following paid 50 cents: Hart Miller, Maud Mickens, Ellen Johnson, C. Norman W. Johnson, F. Carter V. Jeffries, (W M. Brown 75 cents), M. J Smith, Kate Nelson Lucy Cheeseman, Howard R Welcome, Lottie Brown Ellen Brown Bertha Mickens, Carrie Mickens, Louise Robinson, Maggie Lyles, E. A. Jeffries, Elizabeth Mickens, M. J. Patterson. Twenty five cents, Jemima Wallace.

Pittston Mission.

The following paid 50 cents: Martha Neal, Bro. Dorsey, Sister Dorsey, Perlinia Williams, Jane Hutchens, Charles Wheeler.

Braddock Pa —S. C. Honesty, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar each; Ida Lee, Mary L. Ervin, Jacob Rideout Gearge Walker, William Walker, Sarah Patterson, J. W. Arnold, W H. Washington, Mamie Washington, Martha Ray, Bennie Taylor, Pauline Pogue, N. Boshel, Mary Yates, Aidia Wells, Robert Wells, Robert Thompson, T K. Thompson, Benj. Puller. Mattie Carey paid 75 cents. Annie Powell, Sarah Clark, 50 cents each.

Greensburg, Pa.—Rev. W. A. Young Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar: Jacob White, Emory Sto' es, John Muncy, W. T. Young, Emma Hackney Eliza Smith, Augusta Stokes, James E. Monroe. Dillon Sprigs, John Cheeks, Emma Young, Rev. S. A Lewis, Susan Lewis, Carrie Toasting, Lewis Wimmey, Emma D. Young

The following paid fifty cents: Vincent Stokes, A. T. Furgeson, Mary Stokes Rachel Stokes, Nancy Wright Francis Layton, Nora Fitzpatrick, Bertha Layton, Nellie Furgeson, Clara Dixon, Henry Deamos, W. S. Hamlin, J. B Grant T. F. Tate, Ida Dorsey, W. E. Nicholas, E. T. Watson, John Wimmey, Vesta Saylor Bell White, Martha Monroe Mary Furgeson, John W. Young. John Loomis, 75 cents. Wm. Harmer, 45 cents. The following persons paid 25 cents: R. E. Brent, Martha Demos, Mason White, O. W. Banis ter, Kate Anderson, Nannie Beasley, Buck Smith, Mary Golden Young, Annie Stokes, Lewis Fisher, Mary Fisher, William Lupton.

Montrose, Pa.—Rev. O. T. Davis, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: P P. Morris G. L. Battle, N. Slaughter, Citty Battle, E Boocy, E. Slaughter, Jane Norris.

Waverly.

The following paid one dollar: J. Thomas, E. Thomas, G A. Johnson, K Bradley, S. Baker, R. Norris, A T. Davis, E G Tilghman.

The following paid 50 cents: J. R. Johnson, K Parks, L Tilghman, L. A. Davis, Jessie Davis, L Parks J. W. Davis.

Twenty-five cents: A. Stackhouse, Mary Norris.

Lock Haven.

The following paid one dollar: Mary Brown. Peter D Brown, Lucinda M. Stills, Eliza Roberts, Clara V Butler, George Duv.

Fifty Cents: John Roberts B F. Brown

Twenty-five cents: Robbie Butler, Jane Brown.

Jersey Shore.

The following paid one dollar: Anna Willsey, Samuel Willsey, H. W. Carter, Julia A. Molson, Lydia Carter

Twenty-five cents: Edward Fortune, Hardena Carter, Suna Marshall, David Wilson

Miscellaneous.—Esther Raglen, 70; Mary Willsey, 60; Helen Molson, 10; Irene Molson, 10; F I Askew, 10.

Homestead—J M. Morris, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Emanuel Randolph, Sadie A. Randolph, Nellie Beverly, Harriet Burkett, Lizzie Bryans, John Brooks, Bowman Scott, Louisa Norris.

The following paid fifty cents each: Bessie Morris, Lizzie Jackson, Cora Johnson, Katie Stewart, Tucker Clark, Laura Clark, John Johnson, Abram Stewart, Rebecca M. Morris,.

The followtng pai l 25 cents each: Maggie Clark, Malissa Bryans, Emma Ralph, Bert Jackson, Florence Jackson Dan Johnson, John Clark, Wayman Barber.

The following paid 15 cents: Robert Bryans, Josie Bryans.

The following paid 10 cents: Charlie Jackson, James Scott. Little Daisy Castleman paid 6 cents

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Altoona, Pa—Rev. J. P. Stephens, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Martha Stokes, Mary A. Wilson, Maggie Paul, Lavenia Cox, David A. Sprankle, James B. Raymond.

Philipsburg, Pa—Rev. R. M. Henderson, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Mollie Page, Katie Jackson, Walter Jackson, L. W. Rideout, Lemuel Jackson.

Fifty Cents: Robert Jordan, Ellen Jordan, Eliza Carter, Charles Carter.

Twenty-Five Cents: Martha Jackson, John Jackson, Georgie Johnson.

Curwensville.

The following paid one dollar: Rev. L. S. Taylor.

Fifty Cents: Frank Braxton, Hunter Boek, Emma Watson, Annie Lawrence, Hattie Taylor.

Twenty-Five Cents: Mary Hartshorn, Jennie Brock, Lottie Jones, Harriet Taylor, Annie Jones, Sadie Braxton, Mose Watson, Daniel Jones Ten cents each, R. H. Taylor, Edward Berkley, Mary Berkley.

Bedford Circuit—Rev. Charles Garner, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Joseph N. Bunce, George Slaughters, Cyrus L. N. Young, Margaret A. Brown, Tillie Dangerfield, Minnie Brown.

Fifty Cents: Nancy Watkins, Jane Slaughters, Mary Garner, Joseph Garner, Mary J. Garner.

Duquesne Station—Rev. H. G. Thomas, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Columbus Duckett Thos. Weaver, William Johnson, George Weaver, Elizabeth Carter, Rachel Martin, Horace Weaver, Maude Duckett, Melissa Holmes.

Seventy-Five Cents: Robert Street, Julia Street.

Fifty Cents: Louise Martin.

Twenty Five Cents: Martha and Douglass Henderson. Harry Bolier, $1.00.

Tyrone, Pa—Rev. Sandy Christian, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: E. V. Johnson, N. Plowden, G. W. Bryant.

Fifty Cents: A. B. Plowden, Emma Collins, Cassie Jones, John White, Mrs. Eller.

Milton Mission—Rev. Charles N. Butts, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: William Marshall, Edward Carter, George Hector.

George Henry, Mary Henry, Margaret Henry.

Twenty-Five Cents: Julia A. Henry, Daniel Emanuel.

Allegheny District.

Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church, Allegheny City, Pa.—D. S. Bentley, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: A. Berry, Anderson Black, C. Brown, W. H. Barnum, Sarah Bagley, Fannie Bibbs, Ruth J. Jones, Henrietta Jones, Josephine R Jordan, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Susan Johnson, R. H Johnson, Lucy Austin, Sarah A. Bentley, Sarah Catlin, Sallie Crable, Lizzie M. Collins, Annie Bushrod, Sylvester Burrell, J. T. Dorkins, Lillian S Dorkins, Ella Hollingsworth, Annie Johnson, Sarah Jackson, Sarah Lithrich, Alverta Lewis, Hiram Meyers, Emma Moore, J. H. Page, Anna Queen, James Queen, Lewis Queen, Charles Robinson, Louisa Snyder, M. J. Thomas, Fanny White, Geo. W. Williams, Mason Washington, Annie Lucas, Elizabeth Murray, Sarah Sanders, Henrietta Jones, John M. Lewis, Luella Lane, James A. Wilson.

The following paid 50 cents· Elizabeth Bryans, Amanda Brown, C. E. Butler, Joseph Crunkleton, Pricilla Crunkleton, Carrie E. Crunkleton, John Clark, Sarah Clark, Robert J. Davis, Jr., C. H Dearing, Wm. H. Frazier, Rachel George, George Howard, J. B Long, Marshal Olfus, Romain Page, Virginia Page; Nathan Peters, Katie Speaks, Hattie Smith, Ivy Smith, William S. Smith, Mamie Thomas, Mary Wayland, Elizabeth Wilson, Mrs. D. B. Williams, Mr. D B. Williams, Sarah Sterling, Mrs. Cox, Georgianna Bruce, Wm. Krunkleton, Hattie Krunkleton, W. F. Cuff, L. Cuff, Mamie Frazier, C. Jones, Georgiana Johnson, Corinthia Lethrich, Elizabeth Moore, M. Mason, D. H. Price, Ella Patterson, Mary E. Roberts, E. J. Taylor, Emma Timpson, Gilbert Silas, Fannie Wayland, Lillian C. Washington, George Cook, Josephine Cook, Georgia E. Cook, Edward Porter, Eva Slofer, Henry Henderson. Fisher paid 15 cents and Shadney 30 cents.

Philipsburg, Pa—Rev. R. M. Henderson, Pastor.

St. Paul A M. E. Church, Uniontown, Pa —W. C. Goens, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00: Phœbe Payne, Alice Mandexter, James Jackson, A. L. Colman, Alex. Belt, John H. Walker, Mary J. Carter, Wm. Hackney, A. V. Grant, Nancy Jackson, P. C. Baxter, Rachel White, M. J. Carter, Cora Jenkins, Isaac Giles, Lyda Flanagan, S. S. Carter, Bell Blue, M. K. Catline, Albert Henry, Emma Campbell, Lucy Minor, Mary E. Curry, G. T. Warfield, Wm. Thomas, Annie Hackney, Nancy Fox, Lyda Johnson, John Smothers, Phil. Johnson, Eliza Moxley, C. A. Jenkins, Josephine Thomas, Emma Catline, Lucy Gilbert, Moses Hossey, Lizzie Huggans, E. M. Curry, Emily Grant, Kate Dyson, A. Sppery, Elizabeth Jackson, M. E. Grant, S.

J. Chisley, S. E. Truly, Lena Clare, Maud Thomas, Minnie Baxter, Mary Boggess, Fannie Young; Cassie Smothers, M. V. Baxter Ellis Robinson, Emma Smothers, Minerva Jenkins, Mary E. Moxley, Lizzie Belt, Lizzie Ditcher, Ida Douglass, Francis Dix, I. N. Skinner, Georgie Palmer Lylie Skinner, Josephine Butler, Hettie Brown, W. C. Goens, Jennie Whiting, Lula Coston, Ada Johns, Harriet Johns, Jennie A. Goens, Lizzie Palmer, Julia Goens, Teeny Robinson, H. H. Scott, Minnie Palmer, E. J. Scott, Mahulda Oaks, Alice Johnson, Harriet Hall, Dora Auston, J. W. Epps, Louise Palmer, Ida Jackson, Nellie Williams, Laura Campbell Maud Baxter, Washington McClure, Jane Patterson, Fred Palmer, G. F. Ditcher, Robert Webster, Sarah Jackson, John Jenkins, Helen Curry Sally Curry, Margaret Burgess, Amanda Jackson, John Gilbert. Grand total, $100.00.

Oil City—George C. Sampson, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Tempy Gray, W. M. Franklin, Sidd Franklin, Jennie Jackson, Peter Bryant, Lucinda Bryant, Ellen Green, R. H Mann, Hannah Mann, Catharine French, Richard Hopkins, Ruthan Hopkins, Chas. Simons, Cora Osberson, Emma Hill Levi Newsome, Jera Williams, S. T Lucus, Maggie Lucus, Elizabeth Bassett, Noble Johnson, Finley Osberson, Carrie Peterson, Nettie Myers, John Ashby, Anuie Bryce, Andy Bolden, Alice Bolden, W A. Henson.

Fifty Cents: Gertie French, A. Hill, Laura Hill, Bessie Lucus, John Murphy, Wesley Paul, Rosie Paul, Belle Jackson, Nettie Thompson, Annie Brown, Lucinda Williams, Emma Johnson, Evangeline Gilmore, Devo Bassett, William Milton, Sarah Jenkins, Susie Jenkins, Frank Hays, Emma Hays.

Twenty-Five Cents: Harrison Mose, Della Jackson, Grace Jackson, Flora Christy, William Christy, William Franklin, Gertie Hill.

Titusville.

The following paid one dollar: Marshall A. Sampson, Martha D. Sampson, Emeline Hawkins, Frank Rakes, John Kinney A E. Jackson, Margaret Brown, George Humphries, Charlotte Humphries, Annie White, Frances Johnson, William Hector, Catharine Hector, Henry Gaton, James Rawlens, Jane Neal, Henry Robinson, Sian Robinson, David Ross, Annie Minner, Sarah Samuels, Fannie Riley.

Seventy-Five Cents: Jennie Rowlens

Fifty Cents: Annie D. Sampson, Emma G. Sampson, Georgetta Sampson, Mary A. Hemsley, Julia Clark, George Jones, Laura Rawlens, Mary J Hartshorn.

Twenty-Five Cents: Lavinia Hartshorn, Maud Hartshorn.

Elizabeth—B. Wheeler, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar each: Mary Redman, Maggie Norris A. Berry, Nancy Pangburn, Alice J. Batch, George Sanders, A. W. Scott, John Holmes, S. L. Pangburn, Jane Martin, Lydia Butcher, D. B. Scott, Newton Phillips, Elizabeth Wheeler, Amanda

Holmes, Ella Simmons, Hester Harris, Anna Simmons, Anna Pangburn, T. J. Davison, Hannah Davison, May Freeman, Anna Wheeler, J. H Bach, Josephine Holmes

The following paid 75 cents: Amos Martin, J. H. Pangburn.

The following paid fifty cents each: Armada Simmons, E T. Holmes, Anna McFarland, Washington Simmons, Katie Catlin; Harriet Sanders, Lillie Sanders, Rebecca Pangburn, Dorcas Pangburn, Sallie Pangburn, Lillian Epps, Matilda Sanders, Francis Pangburn, Elijah Pangburn, Luke Davison.

The following paid 25 cents each: Mary House, Emma Davison, James Tipins.

The following paid ten cents: Thomas Davison, Ruth Davison, Elizabeth Scott. Hannah Davison, Jr., 5 cents.

Chartiers Street A. M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa.—Rev. R. Tanner, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00: James Slifer, Mother Delaney Bro. Minor, Sister Slifer, M. R. Woodyard, D. Dorsey, Bro. Robinson, J. Frazier, M. E. Dorsey, Sheppy Cox, Martha Diggs, Mary Winters, Alice Boyd, S. A. Titus, M. C. Dexter, George Dexter, Charles Diggs, J. Jackson Mary Jackson, Irene Hill, Henry Boyd, Mamie Slifer, Rachel Shields, Levin Jones, Nancy Tanner, Lulu Tanner, Charles Titus.

The following paid 50 cents: Elixabeth Chambers, Jennie Dorsey, Susie Jones, Pearl Smith, George Smith, Sister Robinson, Rachel Dorsey, Rachel Woodyard, John Gross, Pauline Stevenson.

The following paid 25 cents: Mother Lewis, Pheobe Bell.

Brownsville—Richard Brown, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar: E M. and R Flood, Eliza Banks, Mrs. Rev. R. R. Brown, Sarah Thompson, B R A. Tilghman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cone, Lucinda Arnett, Mary T Bolden, Janie Honesty, Ruthena Honesty, John H. Yates, Matilda Jackson, Mary E. Black, Charles W. Banks, Charles Wheeler. Belle Alexander, 95 cents, Jane Cheek, 75 cents.

The following paid 50 cents: Carrie Wheeler, Lucy A. Brown, James Mannings, Rosa Lanon Samuel Turner, Mary Smothers, Zora Johns, Elsie Dison, William Johns, Julia Johns, Mary Aiice Bolden, Mary Sorrells, Lucy Smith, William H. Florence, Mary Turner, Winnie Johnson, Anna Mossett.

The following paid 25 cents each: John Alexander, Hannah Baker, Isadore Honesty, Mary Bolden, William Carpenter, Henrietta Bolden, J. M. Lanon, Daniel Johns, Frank Honesty, William Simpson, Elizabeth Hamilton, Louise Mossett, Sarah Thornton, William Bolden, Jennie Florence, Francis Lanon, Mattie Johns, Mary J. Ha kett, Thomas Sorrells.

Charles H. Lancaster, 15 cents; Mary E Lancaster, 10 cents; John Brady, 10 cents; E. J. Butler, 5 cents.

New Brighton—I. B. Till, Pastor.

The following named persons paid one dollar each: Katie Flenoy, Annie Davis, Henrietta Simpson, Amelia Jackson, Anthony Logan, Elizabeth Dawson, William Love, John W. Bruien, Sadie Kismer, Lucy Jackson, Alfred Jackson, Edward Williams, Charlotte Bruen, James Cross, Eliza Cross, Charles Rose, Ida Rose, Anna Webb, Jas. Webster, Elizabeth Webster. Viney Stewart.

The following named persons paid fifty cents each: Eva Porter, John Kisner, Mary Simms, Kesiah Dawson, Laura Leeland, John Kisner.

The following named persons paid twenty-five cents each: Romane Leeland, Susie Jackson, Nelly Lee, Harry Webster, Robert Brown.

Wheeling, West Virginia, District.

Washington, Pa., Station,—Rev. R. H Morris, Pastor.

J. Davis, $1.50; Anna Greenle , $1.25. The following paid one dollar: Emma Kelly, R Patterson, Martha Patterson, Martha Williamson Debbie Mirror, Sadie Cordeck Rutha Redman, A. Crockett, Sr., Susan Thomas Nelly Bolden, Jane Chapman, Berdie Derham, Charles Hall T. Chapman, Catharine Albert , Bell Freeman, Anna Banks, Alice Kennel, T B. Banks, Blanche Thomas, S. Alberts. I E. Asbury, L L. Beasley, A Crockett, Julia Caldwell, Josephin Asbury, Elizabeth Shorters, S. Shorters, Lydia Walters, Ella Nelson N. Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Julia Patterson, Luella House, B. Barber, Martha Curry, Frances Howard, L. G. Mosby, Mary Larber, Lydia Cox, Mattie Baxter, Sarah Curry, Rachel Skinner. S. G. Walters, P. Adams, Nora Lee, Mary F Crockett, Wilzena Thomas, R. Johnson, Minnie Crockett, A. Crockett, Jr , A. Berry, Calvin Strothers G. Bruce, Blanche Cox, Nellie Thomas, G. Cain, M B. Willis, J. Hayden, Hettie Hall, Edward Price, J. McGinder. Laura Jennis, Parthenia Haddox, F. Cole, G. W. Denham, Hannah Lane, Ella Brooks, Ella Mosbay C. Harding, Maggie A Morris, Wm. Rutledge, W. Green, R H Barker.

The following paid seventy-five cents: G. Cox, Laura Skinner, Sarah Bruce.

The following paid fifty cents: Carrie Barner G. Baker, Rachel Alberts, Mary Mull, Mary Matthew, Charlotte Alberts, Mary Patterson, Jeannettie Saunder, Mattie Walters, Susan Workman, Annie Highgate, C. Matthews J. Adams Jr , Maggie Joiner, Amelia Henderson Delmer Patterson, Caroline Berry, Annie Smith, Hannah Bolden, Ida Jackson, Hannah Lane Chauncey Viney, Cora Sheckles, Mary E. Baker, Elmira Chapman.

Lizzie Bush paid thirty-five cents.

The following paid twenty five cents: Rebecca Catlin, Gracie Joiner. Gertie Joiner Anna M. Bush, Sarah Banks, Julia Adams, R. Adams, Maggie Cooper, C. Mosbay.

Boone Mission—Rev. John W. Riley, P. E.

The following paid one dollar: Bank Check.

Fifty Cents: Milton Smoot, Jeff Smoot, Joseph Smoot, Willie Bats, Isaac Smoot Sarah Smoot, Fannie Smoot.

Twenty-Five Cents: Green Banks, Harriet Banks.

Beverly, W. Va.

Samuel Stuart, 20c; Fannie Lewis, 20c; Rathel Wilson, 5c; Luta Brown, 25c.

Elkins, W. Va.

Mary Bruce, $1.00

Canonsburg, Pa.—Rev. C. Wright, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Mariah Totterberry, Abram Totterberry, John Totterberry, Eliza Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, M. E. Wheeler, C. H. Hill, Joseph Norman, A. W. Bush, M. A. Bush, John H. Burges, Rachel Warfield, Bird Groom, Jane Burges, S. A. Warfield, George Sluby, Nancy Burges. Maggie Williams, Sarah Cordeck, George Durham, Hannah Durham, S. J. Robinson, Cornelia Prawl, Fred Bartlett, Charles Jackson, Phoebe Vactor, Lucy Davis, Christopher Davis. Mansfield Brown, John E. Harper, S. A. Wright, L. Wright, Wm. Thomas, Rachel Wilson. Margaret Butcher, 75 cents.

The following paid fifty cents: Mary E. Hill, Charles Matthews, Mary A. Matthews, J. S. Johnson, Elizabeth Washington, M. J. Hill, Amelia Warfield, Sophia Harper, Mamie Harper, Alice Morgan, Susan Tevly, George Hayden, Anne Hayden, Jennie Bird, S. A. J. Wheeler, Anne Betts, Ezekiel Betts, Sarah Morgan, A. J. Bell, Messenger Wilson, Maggie Thomas. Belle Henderson, Margaret McCoby, Grant Henderson, John Walls, Warner Washington.

The following paid twenty-five cents: John Felix McGoodney, Clark McGoodney, Alonzo Marshall, Jennie Walls. Lydia A. Wheeler, 15 cents; Bessie Wheeler, 10 cents; Martha Morgan, 20 cents.

West Middletown Circuit—A. Smothers, Pastor.

Lizzie Patterson, Lina Patterson, John Payne, Emma Wallace, A. Smothers, Alice Dunlap, Jennie Patterson, M. Harris, C. Bosier, Edmonia Harris, Cassie Patterson, William Patterson, Sr., Mattie Patterson. Eliza M C. Umphry, 60 cents. Paid 50 cents: Joseph M. C. Umphry. Laura Patterson, Levi Baker, Harry Murrels, Edward Kelley, Henry Kelly, Lena Asbury, Mary Payne, Jane Kelley, Christie Meshon. Mrs Dixon, 90 cents; Lizzie Day Annie Dunlap, 30 cents; John T. Payne, John T. Payne, 20 cents; paid 10 cents, William Dunlap, Mattie Dunlap, Thomas Dunlap Myrtle Payne, Annie Payne, H. Patterson, Amos Payne. John Meshon.

Holly Davis, Mrs G. Payne, Mary France, Carrie Asbury, 25cts each.

Weston Mission, W. Va.—Rev. J. W. Saunders, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00: Jane Brown, Flora Brown.

The following paid 50 cents: Sylvester Philips.

The following paid 25 cents: Mrs. Philips, Catie Grigsby, Ellen Martin, Janie Hide, M. C. Coston, P H. Lacy, L. Grant, Granville Lee, Violet Smith, Ada Martin, Coute Johnson, Margaret Martin, Coute Johnson; Emma Bailey, 10 cents; Edward Philips, 8 cents; Cash, 7 cents. Total, $6.00.

Wayman Chapel, Wheeling, W. Va.

The following paid one dollar: Lucinda Bradford, Martha Winters, Oscar Winters, Bettie Howard, Lucinda Thompson, Jennie Davis, Bell Barnett, Dora Johns, Ira Johns, Lizzie Jackson, Martha Williams, Elizabeth Jackson, Julia Johnson, Francis Maston, Jessie Howard, Janey Wood, William Wood, Charles Winters, Samuel Jennings, Jennie Williams, Rachel Taylor, Dorcas Norris, H. A. Davis, Tillie Vrodie, Mary Hill, Lucinda West, Ellen Alexander, Alberta Alexander, Ada Fletcher, C O. Johns, Martha Lewis, Kate Lightfoot, Jennie Burney, Blanche Green.

Fifty Cents: Bertha Fletcher.

Clarksburg, West Virginia.—W. H. Pride, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar each: Floride Giles, Minerva Ashby, S. J. Robinson, M J. Grayson, Julia Ross, Sophia Lee, Nora Bassell, Edith Smith Mrs. E. J. Pride, Eliza Frazier, Harry Green, Allen Lee, Jack Robinson, Frank Smith. Mrs. Sophia Westfall, 75 cents.

The following paid fifty cents each: Viona Robinson, Agnes Ogden, Willa Lee, Anna Rose, James Robinson, M W. Grayson.

The following paid twenty-five cents each: May Robinson, Estella Robinson, Louisa Powell, Jasper Robinson.

Waynesburg, Pa.—Rev. Daniel Newsom, Pastor.

Annie Hickey, $1.05. The following paid one dollar each: Mary E. H. Workman, Sarah A. Baker, Lewis N. Brown, Emma Baker, A. A. Bruce, Catharine Workman, Arlinne Newsom, Martha Ferrell, Elizabeth Hickey, A. A. Bruce. John Stewart, 80 cents; Winn T. Baker, 60 cts.; Alice Diggs, 55 cents; Fannie Syrus, 55 cents; Charles C. Hickey, 45 cents; Martha Brooks, 50 cents; Alice Smith, 50 cents; Anna Bruce, 43 cents; Tilly Syrus, 33 cents; Seth Grinnage, 30 cents; Carrie Woods, 45 cents; Mary Stewart, 30 cents; W. M. Newsom, 26 cents; V. Newsom, 26 cents; Daisy Beckworth, 27 cents; Catharine Manley, 7 cents; John Straughter, 46 cents; Hattie Pongue, 29 cents; Benjamin Pongue 25 cents; David O. Ferrill, 25 cents; Delilah Suttles, 25 cents; Hallie Hickey 22 cents; Lizzie Macgruder; 15 Rettie Hickey, 15 cents; Martha Stewart, 14 cents; Willie Lacy, 11 cents; Harrison Lacy, 11 cents; Hugh Burgess, 10 cents; William Grust, 6 cents; James Workman, 6 cents, Ollie Macgruder, 5 cents; Hugh Hickey, 2 cents, E. Diggs, 5 cents; Suda Bruce, 6 cents; Mary Magruder, 2 cents; Arie Mechenry, 5 cents; Ida McDonald, 2 cents, Judge Richardson, 1 cent; Joseph Redmond, 1 cent; David Lewis, 1 cent; Charles Suttles, 1 cent; Lela Beckworth, 1 cent; Clarence Hansberry, 10 cent; Henry Turner, 10 cents. Total, $20.72.

Six dollars and eleven cents of this amount was collected in the Sabbath School.

McKeesport—Rev. A. R Palmer, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Emma Machral, Sarah Gordon, Robert Harris, Traverse Dollarman Lizzie Grinnage, Laura Golden, Sandy Gearing Adam Brooks, Annie Marshall. Enos Enty, Adam Golden W. H. Thompson, Clara Derry, Delilah Miles, George Jordan, 25 cents.

Meadville, Pa.—P. A. Scott, Pastor.

The following paid $1 00: Frank Henry, Chas. Allen, Mary Allen, Aunt Ann Green, Willis Sharp, C. M. Gillespie Cornelia D. Scott, Frank Smith, Hattie Pratt, Mahalie Graham David Lee, Emma Jackson, Sam Miller, Mary Lee, Rachel Jones.

The following paid 75 cents: Alice Gillespie.

The following paid fifty cents: Annie Clark, Clara Maud Scott, Rachel Wright James Erwin, John Carr, Sam Pratt, Jennie Butler, Eliza J Denny, Mrs. Carr, Elizabeth Penman Lavina Smith, Rachel Scott, Clara Miller, Robt. M Henderson, Jr.; Emma Hood, Aunt Jane Dickson, Jane Sharp, Aunt Mary Henderson, John Gordon, Lyda Gordon, Lena Henry, W J. Scott, Kate Scott, Aunt Eliza Henderson, Sam Green, Julia Gardner, Wm Austin, Mrs. Bitner,

The following paid 25 cents: Jane Hill, Florence Scott, Maggie Henderson, Elias Allen. Total $30 75.

Charleroi—Rev. G. W. Webster, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00: John Reed, Nancy Reed, John Richardson, Francis Richardson, I. N. Williams, Addie Burrel, Henry Smith, Mary Smith.

The following paid 75 cents: Lockwood Hughes, James Wilson.

The following paid 50 cents: Spotwood Struthers, Rosa Struthers, Margaret Bolden Nannie Burrell, Alice Bentley, Nancy J. Burrell, Wm. F. Smith, Jare Smith, Emma Simpson, Eliza Anderson, Alfred Jones.

The following paid 30 cents: Earnest Struthers

The following paid 25 cents: Taylor Conner, Matilda Louis, Hattie Odie, Abraham Louis, Wm. Rodgers, Mary K Minnie, Howard Thomas, John Green, Daisy Flood, Bell and Lydia Norris, one-half each.

The following paid 10 cents: Martha Louis, George Speacks, Henry Perry. Total, $18 25.

Sewickley Mission—Rev. T. A. J. West, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Layton Morris, John Dungee, Jesse S. Jones, John Cole, William Anderson, Sarah Dungee, Dickson, Mary Wilson, Mrs. John Robison, Hannah Williams, Cora Williams, Fannie Anderson, Julia Booth, L. A. Morris, Rebecca Williams, Emma Jones, John Robison, Lucie Harris.

Fifty Cents: Dorrett Bolden, Sarah H. West.

South Side Pittsburgh—M. S. Jones, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Grilda Harris, Frances Williams, William Randall, Nellie Randall, Susan Smith, Eliza Jones, Tillie Henderson, Minerva Waters.

Fifty Cents: Margaret Favor, Louise Shepperson, James Brown, Amelia Brown.

Twenty-Five Cents: Mamie West, Estella West, Catharine West, Daniel Jones. Ten Cents, Anna Parks, Caroline Costley, Shem Bowles.

West Bridgewater Station—J. J. Norris, Pastor.

Catharine Harris, $2.00. The following paid one dollar: Sidney Freeman, —— Hoghead, Dolly Lore, Lewis Ash, Clara Ash, Andrew Tanner, Lucy Tanner, Julia Bolden, David Simpson, Jessie Chinn, Malvina Norris, Ruthie Webster, Ida Minor, Matilda Cisco, Anna Boyd.

Harriet Butler, 75 cents; Nancy Evans, 75 cents

The following paid fifty cents: Mary Bradley, Rachel Cole, Ruth Patterson, Ethelda Norris, Minnie Tanner, Bertha Overbee, Maria Ash, Fannie Taylor, Grace Cole, Clara Freeman. Frank Evans, 25c.

Bradford Circuit—Rev. G. G. Skinner, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Catharine B. Draper, Roger Lawrence, A V Enty, Hattie Enty, Nettie Foster, David Thornell, Carrie Thornell, Martha Butler, Lucy Beasley, T. J. Whiteside, Tillie Mann, Julia Bonner, Menyo Marshall, Susie Marshall, A. H. Smith, Henry Smith, Sadie Coleman, Elizabeth Blackwell, J. B. Rutherford, Abba Virginia, Isaac McGangie, L. B. Thompson, Mrs. L. B. Thompson, William Enty, Bell Amos, Fannie Collins, Robert Alexander, Geo. B. Brown, James Morse, Elizabeth Logan, Carrie Rowe, W. D. Lucas.

Fifty Cents Matilda Brown, Elizabeth Wright, Martha Malone, Victoria Woodland.

Twenty-Five Cents: Mildred Smith, Zora Skinner, Butah Draper, Mabel Skinner. Edith and Monzella Lucas paid 50 cents each.

Monongahela—Rev. A. E. Waldon, Pastor.

The following paid $1.00: W. G. Ralph, Scott Spencer, J. H. Lewis, Nettie Clark, Mary Anderson, Peter Bowman.

The following paid 50 cents: J. W. Alexander, Annie Jones, Mary B. Jones, Clara Jones, Sarah Carter, Etta Spencer, Levada Carter, Margaret Ferguson, Moses W. Jones, Lena Steele, William Carter, Matilda Wright, Rachel L. Kemper, W. H. Jones, Lizzie Randolph, Lottie Brooks, Clara West, Birdie Long, Emanuel Thompson, Richard Jones.

The following paid 25 cents: Emma Ralph, Eilen Daughtery, Mabel Kemper, Lucinda Weir, Myrtle Kemper, Lizzie Hughes, Martha Alexander, Fermore Long

The following paid 10 cents: Fred Randolph, Fermore West.

West Elizabeth—Rev. J. B. Morgan, Pastor.

The following paid one dollar: Lafayette Randolph, C. H. Armstrong, Malissa Armstrong, Monroe Randolph.

Fifty Cents: Effie Randolph, Mary Brown, Luella Scott, Jas. Anderson, W. H. Johnson, Hattie Randolph, R. L. Scott, Elvira Anderson, Mary Sterling, David Derritte, Broden Bibby, Olivia Derritte, Pearly Clark, Eli Soe.

Twenty-Five Cents: Patsy Randolph Emma Smith, 40 c.

Franklin—S. P. West, Pastor.

The following paid $1 00: C. W. Henderson, Seth Stephens, Alfred Simms, Douglass fields, Thomas Miner, H. B Dixon, Alex Jackson, Jackson Jones, Plummer Henderson, Alfred McGuire, Dora West, Lucinda Stephens, Angeline Henderson, Nannie Stephens, Maggie R. Carter, Mollie Fields, Nellie Nesbitt, Priscilla Henderson, Anna B. Lawson, Eliza Burkee.

Seventy-Five Cents· Rev James Lawson, Eva Carter.

Fifty Cents: Angeline Lawson, Mary Fields, Bettie Hunter, Rosanna Carter, Emma R. Jackson, Julia B. Dixon, Anna McGuire, Dasie R. Lawson, Mamie Braxton, Mary L. Carter, Clarissa Carter, Marian Miller, Albert Lawson.

Twenty-Five Cents: Elizabeth Jackson, Miriam Miller, Mary Simms, Cora Boggs, Helen Lawson, George Simms, David A. Lawson, Melinda Strange, Laura Simms.

St. James A M. E. Church, Erie, Pa.—J. P. Wallace, B. D., Pastor.

The following paid one dollar each: Mrs. E Franklin, Daniel Enus, Charles Johnson, James Franklin, John Valentine, A Vosburg, Mrs. D. Brown, Anna Johnson, Mary Williams, Harriet Gilbert, John Valentine, —— Williams, Ida Lawson, Joseph Paul, P. Peters, Julia Johnson. Clarence Johnson, $1 25.——Cole, (75c.; Sarah Powers, (75c.

The following paid 50 cents: Mr. Drew, L. A Jones, Nancy Rector, Agnes Waller, Mr. Maxheld, George Blackburn, Mariah Rector, Nellie Hardy Sophia Avler, Eliza Vosburg. Cash 25 cents.

Bellevue Mission—Rev J. E Morris, Pastor.

S. H. Morris and R G. Carpenter paid one dollar each.

The following paid fifty cents each: William Warfield, Sister Warfield, John Smith, Ida Kee.

The following paid 25 cents: Brother Newman, Sister Newman, Nil Tucker, W. C. Baker, W. J. Kee, F A. Matthews, Hattie Snowden, Rebecca Snowden, Mary Carter, Laura Kel, Della Warfield, James Harper.

Belle Vernon, Pa —Rev. J. W. Brown, Pastor.

The following paid seventy-five cents: Susan Bazier, Cappie Brown, Samuel Maxwell, David Bazier, Johnson Bazier.

Fifty Cents: Pat Carson, Lizzie Ross, R. Jones.

Twenty-Five Cents: Rebecca Darry, David Darry, Cora Bowman.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	Dollar Money	Pastor's Support	Presiding Elders	Contingent	Bible Cause	Missionary	Charitable Purposes	Education	Church Extension	Mite Missionary Society	Building Purposes and Repairs	Total Am't Collected for all Purposes	How long on Present Appointment
Wylie Avenue Pittsburg	I N Ross	140 75	1 200 00	120 00	5 00	2 00	77 00	447 39	62 00	14 00	55 81	80 00	5 327 00	3 Yr's
East End Pittsburg	W S Lowry	71 25	950 00	86 00	3 00	1 00	10 00	20 00	.....	3 00	32 00	1 500 00	2 676 50	3
Altoona	J P Stephens	6 00	492 63	30 05	50	.....	2 00	8 00	3 15	50	.....	.....	506 59	2
Williamsport	D F Caliman	121 50	900 00	88 00	2 00	1 00	28 20	30 60	22 00	5 00	28 32	1 455 42	2 852 62	1
Scranton	C A McGee	50 50	750 00	50 00	1 00	.....	4 50	50 00	5 08	3 00	7 00	750 01	1 783 50	4
Wilkes Barre	J W Jeffries	33 50	570 00	82 45	25	50	21 53	14 00	3 02	1 83	12 00	996 80	1 807 39	2
New Haven	C N Woodson	38 00	339 55	45 05	1 04	1 00	16 61	7 00	6 03	3 20	3 05	359 12	1 220 13	4
Bellefonte	Henry A Grant	46 25	500 00	36 00	51	1 03	10 43	7 55	14 00	3 82	5 43	176 04	808 54	2
Braddock	S C Hon-sty	21 75	353 34	25 37	25	25	1 40	.....	4 35	2 50	4 00	216 65	628 40	2
Lewistown	T J Simmons	2 50	71 84	8 25	50	50	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	78 44	152 84	2½
Philipsburg	R M Henderson	13 55	287 80	30 00	25	25	7 37	36 37	87	3 24	.....	710 78	1 115 39	2
Bedford	Charles Garner	8 50	142 46	32 70	50	50	5	3 00	.....	1 31	.....	32 75	222 78	1
Montrose	O T Davis	19 00	211 39	33 50	50	50	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	.....	12 00	457 37	1
Greensburg	W N Young	32 70	210 00	32 00	31	1 0	13 57	8 00	6 00	1 00	9 00	100 00	449 59	4
Homestead	J M Morris	15 06	355 43	20 50	25	.....	3 00	8 00	2 45	1 00	1 50	378 46	702 40	1
Tyrone Mission	S Christian	5 50	175 45	23 92	25	50	1 00	2 00	2 56	.....	.....	315 13	569 45	1
Milton Mission	Charles N Butts	5 00	115 00	19 00	25	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	50	.....	60 00	208 99	1
Pittston Mission	J W Jeffries	2 75	119 30	18 30	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 69	78 66	1
Lock Haven	T J Askew	16 10	250 20	30 00	50	36	1 25	2 07	2 52	75	1 12	33 00	618 55	2
Duquesne	H G Thomas	13 00	217 00	16 00	25	25	1 00	30 00	3 00	1 00	4 43	329 35	617 28	1
	Total	591 66	8 111 39	811 09	17 36	10 89	256 55	489 98	138 93	47 46	163 66	8 244 54	22 897 97	

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	Dollar Money	Pastor's Support	Presiding Elders	Contingent	Bible Cause	Missionary	Charitable Purpose	Education	Church Extension	Mite Missionary Society	Building Purposes and Repairs	Total Am't Collected for all Purposes	How long on Present Appointment
Brown's Chapel Allegheny	D S Bentley DD	83 25	1 055 68	122 15	5 00	1 00	17 56	104 05	21 63	5 00	56 74	894 32	2 848 74	3 Yr's
Chartiers Allegheny	Richard Tanner	33 50	888 76	58 00	1 45	50	5 27	9 50	2 45	2 50	28 00	875 00	1 806 3	1
South Side Pittsburg	M S Jones	11 30	175 75	46 00					1 00		1 00	120 59	364 26	1/2
Monongahela City	A E Waldon	18 70	221 43	25 50	51		4 25	10 14	3 46	2 00	1 62	467 00	716 86	1
Brownsville	Richard Brown	30 35	482 53	52 00	1 53	67	3 05	8 41	6 48	1 05	10 58	153 42	813 50	1
Uniontown	W C Goens	100 00	918 00	56 00	1 50		2 65	15 60	8 00	2 00	2 00	1 220 18	2 226 68	1 1/4
New Brighton	I B T Ill BD	24 75	409 27	51 71	50	1 00		5 00		1 15	1 50	320 70	721 67	2
Meadville	P A Scott	30 75	450 00	45 78	59	40	2 10	39 92	5 00	1 85	3 19	173 00	797 58	2
Franklin	S P West	29 25	409 91	23 27	50	1 00	1 00	9 23	5 00	1 25		144 62	645 06	1
Erie	J P Wallace	24 00	483 00	37 80	50	50	1 55		4 50	2 50		204 00	759 55	1
Oil City	George C Sampson	68 25	800 00	67 00	1 50	1 50	17 47	14 34	30 06	5 00	18 00	271 21	1 293 86	3
Elizabeth	Benjamin Wheeler	36 60	575 00	48 00	1 00	1 00	24 15	12 80	13 32	5 57	16 72	235 78	1 034 64	4
Bridgewater	J J Norris	23 75	388 17	32 00	1 00	75	7 00	6 00	14 35	2 00	1 00	173 49	650 21	3
Bradford Circuit	G G Skinner	36 00	700 00	54 30	2 00	1 00	9 77	35 00	15 55	2 00	1 35	515 86	1 371 83	2
West Newton	enjamin Morgan	11 90	194 36	29 39	85		3 20			50			466 00	1
Bellevue	J E Morris	7 00	97 45	10 00	10	10	10	1 50	2 28		10	26 21	144 44	1/2
Charleroi	G W Webster	18 25	215 00	16 00	25	25	1 50	2 00	5 00	1 75		180 53	462 28	2
Sewickley	T A J West	19 00	307 69	23 25	25	50		26 65	9 40	2 45	2 00	337 41	719 20	1
McKeesport	A R Palmer	13 75	551 76	39 00	52	57	3 27	12 0	66	1 09	2 03	121 10	772 92	1
Belle Vernon	J W Brown	6 00	224 72	13 00	25	25	2 17		1 15			16 74	264 28	2
	Total	626 35	9 548 48	852 15	19 85	9 99	107 06	312 17	149 29	39 66	143 84	6 457 76	18 807 64	

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, WHEELING DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	Dollar Money	Pastor's Support	Presiding Elders	Contingent	Bible Cause	Missionary	Charitable Purpose	Education	Church Extension	Mite Missionary Society	Building Purposes and Repairs	Total Am't Collected for all Purposes	How long on Present Appointment
Wheeling W Virginia	R H Bamry	34 50	409 40	48 00	1 00	50	10 20	12 33	8 00	3 15	9 00	562 26	1 121 84	2 Yr's
Washington Pa	R H Morris	93 10	820 00	61 25	84 57	1 13	55 70	48 52	17 54	6 45	38 75	312 47	1 521 74	4
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	50 30	650 00	72 00	2 00	1 00	28 00	41 27	18 26	6 58	43 84	200 13	1 495 48	2
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	20 22	510 00	43 35	60	60	15 25	5 25	1 25	5 00	1 00	100 54	1 008 91	2
Clarksburg	W H Pride	20 00	146 73	30 00	1 00	75	2 00	36 93	1 00	65		261 14	536 30	4
Morgantown	Ely McKnight		96 00	20 00								80 00	189 00	2
Weston	J W Sanders	6 00	275 00	30 00		25	4 65	35 70	50			600 00	1 136 66	1
Boone Mission	D G Cole	4 00	12 00		25								16 25	½
Beverly Circuit	E R Brazier	1 70	175 00	46 35	51	49			4 00			962 10	1 212 15	2
Blacksville	L A Barber		20 00										20 00	2
West Middletown	A Smothers	23 00	186 00	31 00	30	50	3 00	13 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	87 00	353 80	1
Mc Govern Mission	John Lotterberry			5 00	50							3 00	8 50	2wk's
	Total	252 82	3 330 10	386 95	90 73	5 22	116 94	193 00	53 55	23 83	97 59	3 171 65	8 609 46	
	Grand Total	1 466 33	20 743 40	2 050 19	127 69	26 10	480 55	995 15	341 77	110 95	401 09	18 273 95	50 315 07	

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	Sabbath Schools	Teachers	Officers	Pupils	Conversions	Books in Library	For Education	Missionary Societies	Collected from Schools	Other Purposes	Collected for Missions	S S Union	Mite Missionary	Total Collections
Wylie Avenue Pittsburg	I N Ross	1	25	8	325	60	537	25 00	1	74 00	35 00	25 00	14 00		150 00
East End Pittsburg	W S Lowry	1	7	4	90	3	150		1	15 00	10 00	11 00	3 00		38 00
Altoona	J P Stephens	1	5	5	26		200			15 00			50		15 15
Williamsport	D F Caliman	2	13	10	112	50	260	22 00	1	162 58	12 00	20 20	5 00		221 78
Scranton	C A McGee	1	5	7	50	5	400	5 08	2	50 00		5 00	3 00		63 08
Wilkes Barre	J W Jeffries	1	14	9	120	7	305	3 02	2	58 75		7 00	2 55		71 32
New Haven	C N Wo dson	1	4	9	64		37	6 93	2	40 35		1 00	3 20		51 48
Bellefonte	Henry A Grant	1	9	7	50	12	129	14 00	2	28 84	16 00	17 91	3 82		80 57
Braddock	S C Hon sty	1	3	5	24		70		1	21 46		1 40	2 50		25 36
Lewistown	T J Simmons	2		6	43	1	75			8 57			81		9 38
Philipsburg	R M Henderson	2	8	8	55		245	7 95		16 10			3 24		26 42
Bedford	Charles Garner	2	8	9	51	6	150		2	15 94		50	1 31		17 74
Montrose	O T D vis	2	3	9	24	2	125			14 00			1 00		15 00
Greensburg	W N Young	2	5	9	50	7	144	6 00	2	25 00		4 57	2 00		37 57
Homestead	J M Morris	1	5	4	30	11	38	1 25	1	8 00	2 00	3 00	1 25		15 50
Tyrone Mission	S Christian	1	6	8	25		174			45 45		1 50			46 95
Milton Mission	Charles N Butts	2	5	8	40		135			12 00	3 50	1 00	50		16 50
Pittston Mission	J W Jeffries	1	2	3	14	2	25			3 12					3 12
Lock Haven	T J Askew	2	6	8	33	2	64	1 00	1	17 40	5 00	50	75		24 80
Duquesne	H G Thomas	1	2	5	29	2	28		1	20 00			1 00		30 00
	Total	28	143	145	1255	170	3311	90 36	19	670 56	93 50	109 58	49 43		964 72

CHARGES	PASTORS	Sabbath Schools	Teachers	Officers	Pupils	Conversions	Books in Library	For Education	Missionary Societies	Collected from Schools	Other Purposes	Collected for Missions	S S Union	Mite Missionary	Total Collections
Brown's Chapel Allegheny	D S Bentley DD	1	20	7	253	1	525	10 25	2	9 45	383 96	30 00	5 00		5 72 36
Chartiers Allegheny	Richard Tanner	1	6	4	45		100	6 42	1	46 76	3 50	5 00	2 50		50 18
South Side Pittsburg	M S Jones	1	3	4	26		100	2 62		62					3 24
Monongahela City	A E Waldon	1	7	11	45		75	75	1	31 42		1 51	2 00		32 93
Brownsville	Richard Brown	1	5	6	50	17	182	5 45	1	22 35	30	9 10	1 05		38 25
Uniontown	W C Goens	1	6	5	57	6	247			36 00	4 50				40 50
New Brighton	I B T Hall BD	1	5	5	150		150	9 00	1	27 60		7 00	1 15		44 75
Meadville	P A Scott	1	6	5	42	5	300	5 00	1	10 95	3 00	2 10	1 85		21 90
Franklin	S P West	1	5	5	45		44	3 00		5 16	15 11		1 25		25 77
Erie	J P Wallace	1	6	5	63	1	100	4 50		38 40	11 00	1 55	2 50		49 40
Oil City	George C Sampson	2	22	14	155	10	500	26 35	2	33 35		11 68	5 00		76 28
Elizabeth	Benjamin Wheeler	1	7	7	80	15	217	6 71	1	15 00	33 00	11 65	5 32		71 68
Bridgewater	J J Norris	1	4	5	37	2	250		1	10 00	6 00	2 00	2 00		29 00
Bradford Circuit	G G Skinner	2	11	10	85	3	250	5 00	1	44 00	11 00	4 14	2 00		66 44
West Newton	Benjamin Morgan	2	8	8	50	25	125			50			50		1 00
Bellevue	J E Morris	1	6	5	35		100	6 22	1	21 03	43 54		1 26		72 05
Charleroi	G W Webster	2	8	8	55	1				18 00	3 00		1 75		22 75
Sewickley	T A J West	1	4	6	49	7	157	9 40	1	35 91	35 44	5 00	2 45		70 93
McKeesport	A R Palmer	1	4	8	50	17	150	61	1	36 50	9 00	3 27	1 10		50 57
Belle Vernon	J W Brown	1	3	4	15	24	100	1 15		7 86					9 01
	Total	23	141	132	1387	134	3597	102 43	14	533 75	562 35	94 70	38 68		1298 99

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, WHEELING DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	Sabbath Schools	Teachers	Officers	Pupils	Conversions	Books in Library	For Education	Missionary Societies	Collected from Schools	Other Purposes	Collected for Missions	S S Union	Mite Missionary	Total Collections
Wheeling W Virginia	R H Bumry	1	1	5	37	10	248	4 50	1	23 50		5 00	3 15		36 15
Washington Pa	R H Morris	1	18	9	175	15	200		2	56 91			6 45		84 62
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	2	13	10	180	7	240	11 73	2	108 08		39 82	6 59		159 22
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	1	6	4	50	22	200	25	1	20 00	6 11	5 00	6 56		37 92
Clarksburg	W H Pride	2	5	6	50	2	144	3 40		31 90			65		35 30
Morgantown	Ely McKnight	1	2	3	15					3 00					3 00
Weston	J W Sanders	1	3	5	30	20	10			11 55					11 55
Boone Mission	D G Cole	1	3	6	12		32			2 00					2 00
Beverly Circuit	E R Brazier	3	12	13	65	15				22 00					22 00
Blacksville	L A Barber														
West Middletown	A Smothers	2	8	8	50	5	45	2 00	2	33 00	1 50	2 70	2 00		41 20
Mc Govern Mission	John Lotterberry	1	2	4	30		12			18 53					18 83
	Total	16	83	83	694	96	1111	21 88	8	330 50	7 61	52 52	25 40		451 79
	Grand Total	67	367	360	3336	400	8099	214 67	41	1 534 90	663 46	256 80	113 51		2 715 50

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	No Members	Probationers	Local Preachers	Exhorters	No Churches	Value	Indebtedness	School Houses	Value	Parsonages	Value
Wylie Avenue Pittsburg	I N Ross	494	49			1	110 000 00	900 00				
East End Pittsburg	W S Lowry	160		4		1	22 000 00	11 000 00			1	10 000 00
Altoona	J P Stephens	26				1	10 000 00					
Williamsport	D F Calhman	179	19			1	15 000 00	1 467 50			1	2 500 00
Scranton	C A McGee	83	15	1		1	7 000 00	475 00			1	2 000 00
Wilkes Barre	J W Jeffries	71	4	3	1	1	8 000 00	2 574 00			1	2 100 00
New Haven	C N Wo dson	104	1	2		1	3 000 00	30 67				
Bellefonte	Je. ry A Grant	57	2	1		1	2 000 00	72 00				
Braddock	S C Hon sty	37		2		1	3 000 00	868 00				
Lewistown	F J Simmons	21		2	1	2	2 700 00	691 00				
Philipsburg	R M H nderson	27	1	2	1	2	2 500 00	320 27				
Bedford	Charl s Garner	25	1	2		2	1 500 00	391 00				
Montrose	D T D vis	18	5	1	1	2	210 00	29 00				
Greensburg	W N Young	30	2	1		1	1 500 00	20 00				
Homestead	J M Morris	38	4	2		1	3 500 00	1 400 00				
Tyrone Mission	S Christian	18				1	2 5 0 00	1 451 26				
Milton Mission	Charles N Butts	12				2	1 400 00	19 50			1	300 00
Pittston Mission	J W Jeffries	9	1									
Lock Haven	T J Askew	27	2	2		2	1 000 00	20 52				
Duquesne	H G Thomas	26	2	1		1	800 00	650 00				
	Total	1430	108	24	4	25	192 610 00	22 275 72			5	16 900 00

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	No Members	Probationers	Local Preachers	Exhorters	No Churches	Value	Indebtedness	School Houses	Value	Parsonages	Value
Brown's Chapel Allegheny	D S Bentley DD	250	16	5		1	20 000 00	450 00				
Chartiers Allegheny	Richard Tanner	79	1	2		1	3 000 00	1 500 00			1	2 000 00
South Side Pittsburg	M S Jones	20				1	3 000 00	54 65				
Monongahela City	A E Waldon	50	2	3		1	17 000 00	3 876 60				
Brownsville	Richard Brown	101	5	1		1	3 000 00	135 32				
Uniontown	W C Goens	147	3	1	1	1	12 000 00	5 830 30				
New Brighton	I B T.ll BD	52				1	1 600 00	21 70				
Meadville	P A Scott	68		1	1	1	2 000 00	140 00				
Franklin	S P West	29	1	1		1	1 500 00	305 13			1	1 000 00
Erie	J P Wallace	27		1		1	1 200 00	13 00				
Oil City	George C Sampson	112	1	2		2	5 000 00	23 00			1	800 00
Elizabeth	Benjamin Wheeler	91	1	1		1	2 500 00				1	500 00
Bridgewater	J J Norris	36	4	1		1	1 200 00	350 00				
Bradford Circuit	G G Skinner	44	3	2		2	3 500 00	600 00			1	300 00
West Newton	enjamin Morgan	46	3	1		2	2 500 00					
Bellevue	J E Morris	12			1							
Charleroi	G W Webster	18				1	1 500 00	300 00				
Sewickley	T A J West	30	1	1		1	2 500 00	398 50				
McKeesport	A R Palmer	29	4	1		1	3 000 00	938 25				
Belle Vernon	J W Brown	24	12			1	1 000 00					
	Total	1265	57	24	3	22	87 000 00	14 936 45			5	4 600 00

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL TABLES, WHEELING DISTRICT.

CHARGES	PASTORS	No Members	Probationers	Local Preachers	Exhorters	No Churches	Value	Indebtedness	School Houses	Value	Parsonages	Value
Wheeling W Virginia	R H Bumry	36	1	1		1	9 000 00	900 00				
Washington Pa	R H Morris	190	8	1		1	12 000 00	68 50			1	1 800 00
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	164	19	1		1	5 000 00	123 87			1	1 500 00
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	30	5	2		1	2 700 00	300 00				
Clarksburg	W H Pride	44	1	1		1	3 500 00	828 80			1	200 00
Morgantown	Ely McKnight	6	3			1	800 00	330 00				
Weston	J W Sanders	17	14	1		2	2 500 00	879 82			1	300 00
Boone Mission	D G Cole	8				1	250 00					
Beverly Circuit	E R Bizier	73				3	1 800 00	185 00				
Blacksville	L A Barber	3										
West Middletown	A Smothers	45			1	1	2 000 00	10 00				
Mc Govern Mission	John Lotterberry	12										
	Total	628	51	7	1	13	39 550 00	3 595 99			4	3 800 00
	Grand Total	3323	216	55	8	60	319 160 00	40 808 16			16	25 300 00

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OF THE

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PITTSBURG, PENN'A,

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C. Asbury, D. D., P. E.
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Benjamin Wheeler.
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Joshua J. Norris.
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George C. Sampson.
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Alex. Smothers.
William N. Young.
Richard Tanner.
J. W. Gazaway, D. D.
Carter Wright.
Sandy Christian.
Samuel C. Honesty.
Hartley G. Thomas.
William C. Goens.
Anthony E. Waldon.
Wm. H. Palmer, M. D.
*Jeremiah M. Morris.
Richard Brown.
Richard H. Morris.
Junius W. Jeffries.
Price A. Scott.
Charles A. McGee.
Thomas J. Simmons.
Robert M. Henderson.
Charles Garner.
Daniel G. Cole.
S. A. Lewis.
F. D. Taylor.
Daniel Newsome.
H. A. Grant.
George W. Webster.
William H. Pride.
Ishmael B. Till.
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Louis A. Barber.
Simon P. West.
Addison R. Palmer.
Owen T. Davis.
Richard H. Bumry.
Thomas A. J. West.
T. A. Green.
B. A. L. Powell.
W. T. Maxwell.
Benjamin H. Lee.
Joseph H. Bell.
J. P. Q. Wallace, B. D.

TRAVELING DEACONS.

Elijah Brazier.
Eli McKnight.
Milo S. Jones.
Joseph E. Morris.
Toney J. Askew.
John W. Brown.
S. B. Morris.

TRAVELING PREACHERS.

J. S. Eaton.
J. W. Hayes.
J. W. Sanders.
T. B. Jessups.
F. E. Bowser.

LOCAL ELDERS.

G. B. Knox.
Sylvester Burrels.
J. H. Pangburn.

LOCAL DEACONS.

J. L. Griffith.
P. W. Douse.
R. H. Baker.
Peter Bowman, B. D.
Chas. Adison.
James Bruen.
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James Lawson.
Boman Scott.
Cyrus Young.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHER.

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*Deceased.

Conference Minutes.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 7, 1897.

The Thirtieth session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church assembled in Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa., at 10 o'clock a. m. Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., Ph. D., in the chair as presiding bishop.

Dr. C. Asbury, P. E., of the Allegheny District, announced hymn 301, "Draw Near, O Son of God, Draw Near." After singing, Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., of the Pittsburg district, led in prayer. Rev. J. W. Riley, P. E., of the Wheeling district, announced hymn 347, the singing of which was followed by the Scripture Lesson, Isaiah 60th chapter, by Rev. T. W. Henderson, D. D., Manager of Publication Department, and Rev. J. W. Gazaway, D. D., led in prayer. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung. Bishop Lee read as second Scripture Lesson the twentieth chapter of Matthew. Rev. S. P. West followed with prayer. Singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Bishop Lee said: "Brethren of the Conference, we have been blessed with the presence of the Lord at our annual conferences. The sheaves have been brought in. The Lord has poured out His spirit."

The roll of the Conference was then called and fifty-six ministers answered to their names.

Rev. J. M. Morris, a useful and active elder, and Rev. W. G. Ralph, superannuated preacher, deceased. Revs. T. B. Jessups and W. H. Pride were reported as being quite sick.

Bishop Lee announced the transfer of Revs. W. T. Maxwell, of the Ohio Annual Conference, B. F. Lee and B. A. L. Powell, of the North Ohio Annual Conference, and Rev. Moses P. Cole from the Michigan Annual Conference to the Pittsburg Annual Conference.

ORGANIZATION.

Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., moved the election for secretary of the conference of David F. Caliman. Pending the motion, Rev. Richard Brown moved that the name of Rev. P. A. Scott be substituted in the place of Rev. Caliman. The motion was lost and Rev. Caliman was elected.

Rev. P. A. Scott was elected statistical secretary and Rev. R. H. Bumry was elected recording secretary

It was ordered by motion that the boundary of the Conference extend to the third seats from the altar, except extreme sides.

Revs. J. E. Morris and S. Christian were elected marshals.

A motion prevailed that the Conference accept the statement of the program respecting the time for meeting.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries was elected reporter to the *Christian Recorder* and Rev. S. P. West for the *Southern Christian Recorder*.

The names of the following committees for 1897 were read by the secretary:

FOR ADMISSION.

C. Asbury, D. D., J. W. Riley, S. P. West.

FIRST YEAR STUDIES.

G. G. Skinner, J. W. Gazaway, D. D., C. A. McGee.

SECOND YEAR STUDIES.

D. F. Caliman, I. B. Till, P. A. Scott.

THIRD YEAR STUDIES.

D. S. Bentley, D. D., R. Tanner, W. C. Goens.

FOURTH YEAR STUDIES.

W. H. Brown, R. H. Morris, G. C. Sampson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

J. P. Stevens, R. M. Henderson, G. W. Webster.

STATE OF CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

W. S. Lowry, J. W. Jeffries, H. A. Grant.

BIBLE CAUSE.

A. Smothers, W. H. Pride, J. J. Norris.

TEMPERANCE.

J. M. Morris, R. H. Bumry, D. Newsom.

CHURCH PUBLICATION.

J. W. Riley, R. H. Bumry, D. Newsom.

APPROPRIATIONS.

B. Wheeler, C. Wright, A. R. Palmer.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

G. G. Skinner, C. Wright, T. A. Green.

PRESIDING ELDERS' SUPPORT.

W. H. Pride, T. J. Askew, J. W. Brown.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF THE WORK.

W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, D. D., C. A. McGee. J. W. Riley.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, W. S. Lowry.

MEMOIRS.

J. W. Gazaway, D. D., B. Wheeler, C. Asbury, D. D.

DOLLAR MONEY.

B. Wheeler, C. Wright, A. R. Palmer.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

J. W. Jeffries, O. T. Davis, W. C. Goens.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

J. P. Stephens, R. M. Henderson, G. W. Webster.

MISSIONARY CAUSE.

G. C. Sampson, J. E. Morris, M. S. Jones.

EDUCATION.

C. Asbury, D. D., J. W. Gazaway, D. D., J. P. Wallace.

ANNUAL SERMON.

J. P. Wallace, B. D.

Motion prevailed that Revs. G. G. Skinner and Eli McKnight be placed on the Committee of Appropriations.

Rev. W. S. Lowry was placed on Committee for Public Worship.

Rev. Honesty, by motion, was placed on Committee for Presiding Elder's Allowance. Rev. J. J. Norris was placed on Bible Cause Committee.

Revs. W. H. Brown, W. S. Lowry and C. Asbury were placed on Committee for Payne Theological Seminary.

Rev. J. W. Gazaway was appointed to represent the *Southern Christian Recorder*.

Dr. T. W. Henderson, business manager, was presented to the Conference. Revs. J. H. Bell and W. B. Pearson were introduced to the Conference as having transferred from the Philadelphia Annual Conference to the Pittsburg Annual Conference. Their transfers were read and some announcements made, after which the Conference adjourned. Benediction by J. H. Bell.

COMMITTEES FOR 1898.

FOR ADMISSION.

C. Asbury, D. D., J. W. Riley, S. P. West.

FIRST YEAR STUDIES.

W. H. Brown, C. A. McGee, P. A. Scott.

SECOND YEAR STUDIES.

J. W. Gazaway, D. D., R. Tanner, R. H. Bumry.

THIRD YEAR STUDIES.

G. C. Sampson, R. H. Morris, J. W. Jeffries.

FOURTH YEAR STUDIES.

D. S. Bentley, D. D., W. S. Lowry, B. Wheeler.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES.

ENDOWMENT DAY.

W. S. Lowry, R. Brown, R. M. Henderson.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

D. F. Caliman. T. A. Green, C. N. Woodson.

PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

W. H. Brown, W. S. Lowry, J. W. Gazaway, D. D.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

J. J. Norris. C. Garner, B H. Lee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

I. B. Till, B. A. L. Powell, M. S. Jones.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE CONNECTION.

H. A. Grant, T. A. J. West, S. A. Lewis.

EASTER MISSION FUNDS.

A. Smothers, H. G. Thomas, S. B. Morris.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION FUNDS.

A. E. Waldon, T. J. Askew, O. T. Davis.

WOMEN'S MITE MISSION FUNDS.

G. W. Webster, L. A. Barber, G. C. Cole.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES.

BIBLE CAUSE.

W. C. Goens, M. P. Cole, J. E. Morris.

TEMPERANCE.

D. Newsome, S. C. Honesty, S. Christian.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

T. A. Green, C. Wright.

REARRANGEMENT OF THE WORK.

W. H. Brown, D. F. Caliman, T. A. Green,
C. Asbury.

PRESIDING ELDERS' SUPPORT.

W. H. Palmer. F. D. Taylor, P. A. Scott.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

G. G. Skinner, J. W. Brown, T. J. Simmons.

CHURCH AND COUNTRY.

C. Wright, C. A. McGee, J. P. Stephens.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

W. S. Lowry, J. W. Jeffries, R. Brown.

APPROPRIATIONS.

J. W. Gazaway, D. D., R. H. Bumry, E. McKnight

ANNUAL SERMON.

J. P. Stephens.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-assembled at 2.15 p. m., Bishop Lee in the chair. Devotional exercises consisted of prayer by Rev. S. Christion.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

REV. W. H. BROWN, PRESIDING ELDER OF THE PITTSBURG DISTRICT AND SENIOR MEMBER OF THE CONFERENCE.

To the Bishop and Conference: Dear Fathers and Brethren — In making this, my Third Annual Report of the work of the Pittsburg District for the year closing, I wish to record my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Almighty God for His continued blessings; to my preachers for their generous help, and to the people in whose homes I have found a hearty welcome. The district is large territorially and much of it mountainous. In many places the membership has increased and in other places diminished. Many of our churches have enjoyed spiritual refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord. Our increase exceeds our decrease in general. With the joys and triumphs of the year the shadows have fallen upon the homes of some of our members, and some have fallen asleep. Rev. J. M. Morris died at his home in New Haven, Pa., June 2. He had an active life and a holy triumph in death. I will not trespass upon the domain of the Committee on Memorials. A suitable motion will be made to the Conference in due time. It has been the occasion of serious thought among us why so few young men in our churches are not preparing for the ministry. We have congregations which were organized a generation ago, from whose altars not one has gone forth to this great work.

In many of the charges the church property has been improved. Our Sunday school work is not what it ought to be in the district. Easter Day in our Sunday schools is becoming more and more interesting and the Sunday schools and church are doing more and more for Missions on that great day than ever, in the Pittsburg District.

Children's Day is doing equally as well both spiritually and financially, for the Sabbath School Union and Church Extension. The ministers in many places have had but a scanty living, but they have staid on duty and have done the best they could.

Many of the churches have been blessed with revivals and good increase in their work. Our people have a hard way to make their living. The work shops are still closed against the men of color and open to the foreign white man, citizen or no citizen of this country. Just as soon as he strikes the shores of America, if he is white, the shop doors are open to him. He can get the best jobs—motorman, conductor, railroader, or any other occupation, all of which is denied to the colored man. Here in our own fair city, Pittsburg, with their millions in churches and religious institutions, the preachers of Pittsburg will not dare to preach on every evil, and are fearless in attacking every sin of every kind, except prejudice proscription in labor. All we ask is an equal chance in the race for life in all occupations common to the white man. Our people have made wonderful progress for the opportunity afforded them. Benevolence has received unremitting attention and has been appropriately pressed upon the people. At every Quarterly Conference we call the attention of the pastors and members to the

Christian Southern Recorder and the *Church Review and Voice of Missions*, especially the Women's Mite Missionary Society. If we have not succeeded in this work of our church, it is not because we have not done our duty. However, we are pleased to report that the Mite Missionary work is on the increase in the district. Our beloved Bishop Lee has made twelve profitable visits to churches in the district which has had good effect on the work. The churches visited by our Chief Pastor were delighted with Bishop Lee's manner and sympathy in the work. The churches are loud in calling for an educated, sanctified and trained ministry. The African Methodist Episcopal Church will not be able to hold the educated young men and women unless we can secure such qualified ministers. Hence the absolute necessity of sustaining Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce, O. We recommend that a counsel of the Bishop and Presiding Elders of the Conference and the other three Conferences of the Episcopal District be called and enter into some plan by which money can be raised to relieve Payne Theological Seminary of its embarrassments and put said Divinity School on a firm basis for the future generations of our church. If the school for our preachers goes down, so goes the church. No young man should be admitted to an Annual Conference unless he has taken a training at some Theological school and that school should be of our own church. Brethren of the Conference, this is a serious matter and should have your most prayerful attention.

Many of our churches and charges are too small to support a pastor and the men sent to these small charges must expect to follow some occupation to assist in sustaining themselves and families. It will not do to abandon these churches and there is not enough people to support a pastor properly.

Educational Day was observed throughout the district with appropriate programs with a very good result. The people are falling in line on this way to raise money for the education of the race, notwithstanding the hard times. We have called the attention of ministers and people to the claim of Payne Theological Seminary and have urged our people to rally to its assistance at once. We hope that the Committee on Education will recommend some practical plan by which a thousand dollars will be raised this Conference year from the churches and people in this Annual Conference. The pastors will give their reports in detail.

OUR PERIODICALS.

The *Christian Recorder and Voice of Missions* are not supported by the church as they should be. We should insist upon each pastor to pay more attention to this part of his work.

The *Recorder* under Drs. Johnson and Henderson is ably edited and is entitled to the support of the preachers of the Pittsburg Conference.

The *District Circular*, edited by Bishop B. F. Lee, is a welcome visitor to the preachers of the district, and it is eagerly sought after by the ministers and members; although sometimes cutting to the preachers, yet we love it. It contains the directory of every minister of the Third Episcopal District, and much information, which only could be obtained by the Bishop. It should have the hearty support of this Conference, and should be in every family in the district.

The *Twentieth Century Visitor* is another valuable little sheet, published by Dr. John G. Mitchell, Dean of Payne's Theological Seminary, of Wilberforce. This paper has not received the support it should. Too much credit cannot be given to Dr. Mitchell for his interest in an educated ministry, and Payne's Theological Seminary. *Century* Clubs have been organized in many of our churches during the year, and have done good work in raising money for our seminary. Let us do better in the future. Let us cross the century line with Payne Seminary, free from debt, through the clubs and other organizations, and put it on a firm basis for a higher standard in the ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHURCHES IN PARTICULAR.

WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURG.—This old Mother Church of Western African Methodism still live. Rev. J. W. Gazaway, D.D., pastor, who was appointed to this charge last year, has set up a high standard. He has reorganized many of the departments of the church. He found the Avery Trust Fund property in a very bad state, it being in need of repairs in almost every way possible. The first thing to be done was to go to a large expense of repairs, which has been done and the most of the repairs have been paid for, and there is a good prospect for large income from the rents to pay to the city pastors than ever has been paid before. Rev. Gazaway deserves great credit for the economical manner in which he has managed this corporation. He has raised for all purposes $5,500.00; rents from Avery fund, $3,311.17; number of members, 500; number of probationers, 18; dollar money, $166.00. Dr. Gazaway has done a good work. He is an able, Christian preacher and pastor and is loved and respected by all denominations.

EAST END, PITTSBURG, Rev. W. S. Lowry, pastor.—Through the business like manner of Rev. Lowry, and his faithful and energetic board of members, he has completed this beautiful building which speaks for itself. Although the debt is large yet, the interest has been provided for from an income from rents of houses which is the property of the church. Real estate valued at $9,000.00, which is clear of debt. Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church enjoyed one of the most successful and glorious revivals last winter it has ever experienced in all its history. Over a hun-

dred and forty souls were converted and joined the church. Rev. Lowry is honored and respected by both the white and colored clergy of the city. The congregation has been doubled and tripled in the last year. The longer he remains the more popular he becomes among the general public and members of his flock. He raised for all purposes, $3,798.55; number of members, 217; number of probationers, 11; value, $40,000, increase. This church is in the center of the population of the city and is one of the leading churches. People are moving out this way and purchasing homes, hence the possibilities are great for this church.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., Rev. D. F. Caliman, pastor.—This beautiful building and congregation still holds its own. Rev. Caliman has made improvements on the parsonage and church in face of the hard times, scarcity of money and work in Williamsport. In the last two years Rev. Caliman has doubled the dollar money and other Conference claims. The pastor is beloved and respected by all classes in the city of Williamsport. Raised for all purposes, $2,016.39; number of members, 157; number of probationers, 10; indebtedness, $1,400.25; dollar money, $107.25.

SCRANTON, PA., Rev. H. A. Grant, pastor.—This is one of the most promising churches of the Conference, and while Rev. Grant has been able to pay off but little of the debt, yet he has worked hard and has the confidence of the people as an able preacher, writer and representative. He raised for all purposes, $1,340.46; number of members, 78; number of probationers, 7; indebtedness, $475.00; dollar money, $47.00, decrease.

BELLEFONTE, PA., Rev. Cyrus Woodson, pastor.—This church has been greatly improved under Rev. Woodson. He has increased his membership and paid off the long standing debt. Rev. Woodson is a great worker and has the respect and confidence of the entire community. This church is in a good condition and loyal to African Methodism. Rev. Woodson's report will show a large increase over last year's report in the various departments. The health of Rev. Woodson has not been very good during the year. We pray that God in His kind mercy may restore him to his former health and strength to do much for the cause of the Master in his church. Raised for all purposes, $1,45.58; number of members, 61; number of probationers, 5; indebtedness, nothing; dollar money, $50.25.

NEW HAVEN, PA., Rev. J. M. Morris, pastor, deceased.—Last October Rev. Morris was appointed to this charge by Bishop B. F. Lee. The people were delighted and Rev. Morris was delighted with the people. He had just left Homestead, where he was nearly worried to death with his church debt and non-co-operation of his officers which brought on heart disease, resulting in his

death at New Haven, June 22, at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. Morris labored hard. He was blessed with a large revival last winter, the result of which thirty-five or forty souls were added to his church. Just as soon as the spring opened he went to work to paint and beautify his church, which he did to his satifaction. He was proud of his charge and his people were equally as proud of him. Every attention was given him in his sickness and death by his people. He was followed to his last resting place at Browsville, Pa., over thirty miles through the country, by a large procession of his congregation. At the death of Rev. Morris, Rev. S. A. Lewis was appointed by Bishop Lee to fill the unexpired term. Rev. Lewis will make the report to this Conference. Raised for all purposes, $944.56; number of members, 100; number of probationers, 23; indebtedness, $18.00; dollar money, 28.70, decrease. Rev. Lewis has done well during his time of service. He is an able preacher and scholar.

BRADDOCK, PA., Rev. S. C. Honesty, pastor.—Rev. Honesty has served this church very acceptably for three years, although the debt has been reduced but very little, yet some improvements have been made, the membership increased and the debt reduced a little. He has had a scant living. Rev. Honesty has done the best he could under the circumstances. Raised for all purposes, $480.09; number of members, 43; number of probationers, 1; indebtedness, $858.15; dollar money, $22.00, increase.

HOMESTEAD, PA., Rev. G. G. Skinner, pastor.—We have hopes of this church in the future. Rev. Skinner has gone under serious affliction during the year; but through the providence of God he has been restored to health. We have a beautiful location and a good building. The congregation is small with a debt of over a thousand dollars. Rev. Skinner has worked hard; but has not had the co-operation of the officers as he should have had. However, this charge bids fair to be one of our best churches. Our people are purchasing homes and settling in Homestead. Raised for all purposes, $951.60; number of members, 41; number of probationers, 6; indebtedness $1,237.22; dollar money, $16.00.

GREENSBURG, PA., Rev. O. T. Davis, pastor.—This small charge is doing well under the pastoral labors of Rev. Davis. The church has been papered and painted. Though small, it is neat and clean. We have but few people. They are industrious, intelligent and love the church and do all they can to support the interests of the church. It is not self-supporting owing to the small membership of our people. The pastor will make an excellent report to this Conference. Raised for all purposes, $67.76; number of members, 27; number of probationers, 1; indebtedness, nothing; **dollar money, $22.25, decrease.**

ALTOONA, PA., Rev. W. N. Young, pastor.—Rev. Young was appointed to this charge last October. He found the church scattered and pealed, and everything in disorder. Rev. Young went to work and has succeeded in uniting the people in a degree; but there is much to be done in the name of the Lord. Rev. Young has put forth his best efforts to build up a congregation. The prospects are much brighter at the present time. The people have been very kind to the pastor. We have a large debt for a small congregation and a law suit pending in court which was brought on before Elder Young took charge. We have recommended this suit to be settled by arbitration, but our efforts have failed so far. Raised for all purposes, $365.30; number of members, 25; number of probationers, 1; indebtedness, $500; dollar money, $16.75, increase.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Rev. W. C. Goens, pastor.—This church has a large debt upon it. The church is not so prosperous as it has been in former years. The people are not loyal to African Methodism. The officers of the church are inclined to criticise the acts of the General Conference and almost everything in the African M. E. Church. Some of the leading members have been Presbyterians, consequently they are congregational in church government. Rev. Goens is an able preacher and a Christian gentleman and has done the best he could. Raised for all purposes, $269.05; number of members, 15; indebtedness, $300.00; dollar money, $26.75, decrease.

TYRONE, PA., Rev. A. E. Waldon, pastor.—Here we have a nice little church with a heavy debt. The people are kind and generous and do all they can to support the church and ministry. The white people have been very kind, above the average white people in many of our towns. The white people are of a higher class than in the most of our towns and cities. Rev. Waldon has done the best he could and is much respected by all classes. He has been faithful in his work. Raised for all purposes, $504.44; number of members, 15; number of probationers, 1; indebtedness, $1,265.68; dollar money, $11; increase.

DUQUESNE, PA., Rev. H. G. Thomas, pastor.—This is a new work and we have great hopes and prospects. The Mission is small and it has been a mystery to me to know how the pastor has lived. Yet he has lived as well as many other preachers under more favorable circumstances, and paid off some of the debt. Too much credit cannot be given this man of God. Raised for all purposes, $819.35; number of members, 37; number of probationers, 3; indebtedness, $400.00; dollar money, $18.00.

MONT ROSE CIRCUIT, J. W. Brown, pastor.—This circuit is composed of two points, Waverly and Mont Rose. It is an old charge with but a few old members, and but few of our people in

the town. Every year becoming diminished in numbers. Rev. Brown has done well and made some improvements on the property at Waverly. Raised for all purposes, $458.95; number of probationers at Mont Rose, 20; number of members, Mont Rose, 10; Waverly, 12; dollar money, $21.15.

BLOOMSBURG CIRCUIT, Rev. Butts, pastor.—At the last Conference Rev. J. W. Hayes was appointed to this circuit. He proceeded to his work and found things in such a condition that he could do nothing. There being no work at manual labor in Bloomsburg, he was compelled to leave and seek other employment. The work was so divided on account of the former pastor's trouble. They refused to furnish a place for him to stay unless he paid for it himself. This he was unable to do, hence we put this work to Milton circuit. Danville was a part of this circuit here; we have about four members to depend upon. We put the low points to the Milton work under Rev. Butts to do the best he could with them until Conference. Rev. Butts will make the report from four points, namely, Milton, Muney, Danville and Bloomsburg. Raised for all purposes, nothing; number of members, Bloomsburg, 28; Milton, 18; Muney, 4. Rev. Butts has done the best he could under the circumstances with the work. We have not the people at either places to have a proper organization.

LOCK HAVEN CIRCUIT, Rev. C. Garner, pastor.—Jersey Shore and Lock Haven constitute this circuit. We have a very neat little church at Jersey Shore. The people are not inclined to the African M. E. church unless they are allowed to do as they please, and run the church themselves. Two years ago we had hard work to get the church deed from them, which was not recorded; but we succeeded in securing the deed and have it recorded to the African M. E. church. Ever since then there has been trouble at Lock Haven. We have no church property and a few very poor members. Rev. Garner has done all that could be done to elevate these people. He has worked hard and supported himself and preached on Sunday to a few people. It is hard work. Raised for all purposes, $258.57; number of members, Jersey Shore, 13; Lock Haven, $18; dollar money, $16.50; increase.

LEWISTOWN, PA., Rev. J. S. Eaton, pastor.—Lewistown is another church about deserted; also Huntingdon. They are not able to support a pastor, and do not desire a preacher unless he can support himself. What to do with these churches is the prayerful consideration of this Conference. We cannot abandon these churches as what few members we have are very old and infirm, the most of them being over 65 or 70 years old. Raised for all purposes, $215.81; number of members at Huntingdon, 6; at Lewistown, 9; indebtedness, Huntingdon, $210.00; Lewistown, $300.00.

PITTSTON, PA., Rev. W. C. Goens, pastor.—This little mission was put under the pastor at Wilkesbarre at the last Conference. It did very well in the beginning of the year, but in the last six months has not done so well.

PHILIPSBURG, PA., CIRCUIT, Rev. Henderson, pastor.—Two points on this work, Curwensville and Philipsburg. A few years ago this was a very good work; but since the works have closed down our people have left, which leaves the churches almost deserted at both points. Rev. Henderson does the best he can and that is very poor. He is a good man and highly respected and stays at his post. Number of members, 38; number of probationers, Philipsburg, 3; indebtedness, $300.00.

BEDFORD CIRCUIT, Rev. Stephens, pastor.—This charge has two appointments, Bedford and Everett, eight miles apart. Rev. Stephens was sent to this charge last October. At Everett the people were satisfied, but at Bedford trouble arose about salary and the law. The people and pastor could not agree and the result was the breach became wider and wider. We did all we could to settle the trouble in an agreeable way but we could not, consequently Rev. Stevens resigned the charge at Bedford and we appointed Rev. F. E. Bowser to Bedford and Rev. Stevens concluded to hold on to the Everett charge. Rev. Stevens has improved the church property at Everett at a cost of ($). There is so much difference between the Presiding Elder and the pastor. Rev. Stevens thinks the Presiding Elder has not treated him right. Not the best of christian feeling exists. The Presiding Elder can't understand the pastor and the pastor can't understand the Presiding Elder. Raised for all purposes, at Bedford, $193.51; at Everett, $245.16; number of members, Bedford, 23; Everett, 16; number of probationers, Bedford, 2; Everett, 1; indebtedness, Bedford, $317.00; Everett, $80.00; dollar money, $8.00. We ask that a committee be appointed from the Conference to review the administration of the Presiding Elder and pastor at these two points.

Number of members, 1535.

Amount of moneys collected—general purposes:

Dollar money	$	611 22
Missionary money		278 78
Woman's Mite Society	$	195 55
Allen Day		27 26
Education Day		210 27
Children's Day		118 24
Payne Seminary		31 20
Bible cause		8 67
Total	$	1,617 37

Local purposes	7,656 30
Presiding Elder	812 16
Pastors' traveling expenses	75 36
P. E. traveling expenses	55 75
Building repairs	4,556 22
Current expenses of trustees	3,668 39
Current expenses of stewards	167 48
Charity	314 21
Total	$22,950 64

I desire to thank the brethren and friends for their generous co-operation and support during the last year, and pray that God's best blessing may rest upon all preachers and people. I am, very respectfully, W. H. BROWN, P. E.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 7, 1897.

To the Bishop and Conference:—Dear Father and Brethren:—Through the kindness and mercy of our gracious heavenly Father we are assembled together to do business in an Annual Conference for God and His church. I rejoice in the fact that it is my privilege to present to you my Third Annual Report of the Allegheny District. I have traveled continuously through the district and it has been my highest ambition to do the best I could to make my work tell for good in every church. Death has made one visit to our ranks and taken from us our beloved father in the gospel, Rev. W. G. Ralph, who departed this life February 15, 1897, leaving behind him sufficient testimony to produce the clearest evidence that he was prepared to join the great Conference up high in the presence of the King of kings, mingling with the saints and angels that compose the hosts of heaven. The Allegheny District stretches over territory which is about three hundred and forty miles from one extreme to the other. From Uniontown and Brownsville on the south to Erie, Pa., and Olean, N. Y., on the north. A large portion of the district lies in the mining section where bituminous coal is taken from the depths of the earth, and this section has been seriously affected by the strike which lasted about three months. The financial struggle, which has been general all over the country, has made it hard to collect in and for the churches to secure the needed amount to carry on the work. We are glad to say that taking into consideration the circumstances, we can truthfully say of the work in the district as a whole, "Well done." The following is a brief statement in relation to the condition of each charge:

BROWN'S CHAPEL, Allegheny, Pa.—This is one of the most flourishing and strongest churches in the Conference, with a commendable record of the past and an encouraging outlook for the future. A good revival was held in which about sixty souls were converted and the church greatly benefitted. The Sabbath school is in good condition and the teachers and officers are working hard to raise the literary standard still higher. Rev. R. H. Morris is the pastor and his faithfulness and untiring efforts have been crowned with a good degree of success. He is powerful in the pulpit and the people are much pleased with his administration.

CHARTIERS STREET, Allegheny, Pa.—Rev. Richard Tanner pastor. Under his wise and prudent direction the church has prospered financially and spiritually. Brother Tanner is clear and forcible in his preaching, impressing all who hear him that he knows how to divide the word of truth. This church has made progress during the year and the prospects for increasing strength are bright.

ST. PAUL, Uniontown, Pa.—We are glad to report this church in a much improved condition. The spiritual interest of the church is above the average and the financial condition is all that we could expect. The indebtedness of the church has been reduced and is in such a shape that by skillful management no danger need be feared. A good revival was held during the winter and the pastor, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, has labored faithfully and successfully to raise the standard in every particular.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Rev. Richard Brown, pastor.—His life and work are worthy of the highest commendation. He is an earnest, true and faithful worker. The church under his administration has enjoyed a good share of spiritual and financial prosperity.

MONONGAHELA, PA.—This church has moved forward with a fair degree of success. The church edifice in this city is beautiful for architecture and no church in the city has a better location. Rev. Thomas A. Green is the pastor and his faithful labor as a minister of the gospel is worthy of much praise. This church was blessed with a great revival in which about fifty-five persons were converted. The debt of nearly four thousand dollars on this church is embarrassing and we ask that this Conference give this important station special consideration.

EAST ELIZABETH, PA.—Rev. Benjamin Wheeler has conducted his fifth year with these good people and such has been his conduct among them that he has the respect of all the citizens in the town. The church is in good condition and has nothing that might be embarrassing to his successor. No church moves on more smoothly than Allen Chapel, East Elizabeth.

ST. PAUL, South Side, Pittsburg, Rev. Milo S. Jones, Pastor. —It seems to be somewhat difficult to keep this church in a lively condition. A great many people in this part of the city do not attend church services anywhere. The church owns a small lot of ground on which stands a small building, not very commodious, yet comfortable and well furnished. Brother Jones has worked hard and the Lord has been with him and blessed him in permitting him to see some good fruits of his labor.

WEST BRIDGEWATER, PA.—This is one of the oldest organizations in western Pennsylvania and she is holding her own in doing good work for the Master. Rev. Joshua J. Norris is the pastor and no more zealous minister of the gospel can be found. His labor among the people of this little quiet town is highly commendable.

WAYMAN CHAPEL, New Brighton, Pa.—At the last Quarterly Conference very encouraging reports were made from every department in the church. The trustees' report showed a reduction of the indebtedness of about three hundred dollars during the year. The spiritual condition is fair. Rev. I. B. Till has faithfully and intelligently pastored this church for three years. He is highly respected and regarded as an able exponent of the gospel of our blessed Lord.

BRADFORD, PA.—Rev. Charles A. Magee is pastor and has proved himself to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. He is straightforward and honest in business and kind and tender in the time of trouble and sorrow, and convincing and soul-stirring in his preaching. The church has done well and has ground for hoping that better days are not far in the future. The indebtedness is small and can be easily handled.

OLEAN, N. Y.—This is the only church in the Pittsburg Conference situated in the state of New York. The church owns good property on the corner of State and Fifth streets. Rev. J. E. Morris has labored earnestly among the people and the Lord has blessed him with a fair degree of success. Brother Morris is a young man who is studious in his habits and conscientious in life and conversation.

FRANKLIN, PA., Countee Chapel.—Rev. S. P. West is the pastor and he has succeeded in winning the hearts of the people so that he is respected by all who know him. The church is progressing and the incidental expenses have been kept up and the debt reduced. Spiritually the church is alive.

CHARLEROI, PA., Rev. G. W. Webster, pastor.—The church in this place is not strong numerically, but a good piece of property has been secured, a very comfortable building has been erected, the

debt has been reduced during the past year and the organization placed on a more reliable basis. Brother Webster had the misfortune to lose his wife about one month ago. She had suffered long and on the 27th day of August, 1897, she departed from this life and went to be forever with the Lord. We ask the sympathy and prayers of the Conference with him.

McKEESPORT, PA., Rev. A. R. Palmer, pastor.—Brother Palmer's health has been very poor this year quite a good deal of the time. He has been confined to his room and in his bed. He was not able to do what he might have done on account of his continued illness. The church is not in as prosperous a condition as might be desired.

MEADVILLE CIRCUIT.—This circuit comprises Meadville and Erie. Rev. Price A. Scott is pastor. He has met with success in his work, which is largely due to his activity and willingness to do with his might what his hands find to do. The church in Meadville has been papered and painted. The windows have been remodeled and the glass beautifully stained, the pastor doing the work of painting and staining the glass in the windows. The congregation in Erie has a very poor building in which to worship but strong and successful efforts were put forth by the pastor and his people to create a fund for building purposes. The Holy Spirit was poured out upon this church and twenty-four souls were saved by the blood of the Crucified One. Both churches on the circuit are in good condition.

OIL CITY CIRCUIT.—This circuit is made up of Oil City and Titusville. The untiring, devoted, know-no-failure, Rev. George C. Sampson, is the pastor. He has been on this appointment for four years and the fact is clearly demonstrated that the fourth year has been the most successful year of all. The churches in both places have been very much improved. In Oil City the building has been painted outside and a new roof has been put on and a fine railing around the altar. The cost of the improvement at Oil City amounts to more than two hundred dollars. At Titusville the parsonage has been remodeled and a new front put in so that it presents a beautiful appearance and affords much more comfort for the pastor and family. Brother Sampson did much of the carpenter work himself and it is neat and well done. The church has also been painted inside and out and the glass in the windows has been stained and a new railing around the altar. The cost of the work done on the parsonage and church amounted to nearly $500.00. All the debt incurerd by the repairs at Oil City has been paid. Both churches are in very good condition spiritually. Brother Sampson and his people may congratulate themselves on a very successful year's work.

WEST NEWTON CIRCUIT.—Rev. T. J. Askew is the energetic pastor. These churches manifest a considerable amount of spiritual life and under the administration and intelligent teaching of Brother Askew peace and harmony have prevailed and a good degree of prosperity has been enjoyed. There are good people in both places who are ever ready to co-operate with the pastor for the bettering of the condition of the churches.

BELLEVERNON, PA.—At the last Conference Rev. T. A. J. West was appointed to the charge of Bellevernon and Findleyville. In a short time he reported to me that he had been to Findleyville and that on account of the inconvenience of travel from Bellevernon and that the people were unable to entertain him he desired to be relieved from that point. His desire was granted. Brother West has organized a society in the town of Bellevernon and it is in a prosperous condition. He has not been visiting the church at Pleasant Green which is about two miles from Bellevernon. The Presiding Elder has been looking after it as best he could. Brother West is an earnest worker and always succeeds in accomplishing something for God and African Methodism.

SEWICKLY.—This is a beautiful suburban town inhabited mostly by the wealthy class of people whose chief delight seems to be to make the town beautiful and keep it free from the hum of business and the clouds of smoke and fog which characterize the great city of Pittsburg. Our church in this place is small but active in the work of our blessed Christ. Much good has been done this year, souls have been saved, debts have been paid and when Rev. J. P. Wallace, the pastor, makes his report it will be enough to make all hands glad. Brother Wallace has been true and loyal and his preaching and pastoral work have been signally blest.

BELLEVUE MISSION.—This little mission has had hard struggling during the past year. Rev. M. S. Nettle was appointed to this charge at the Conference last year. He only remained a part of the year. After he had gone Rev. S. A. Lewis was appointed his successor. After the death of Rev. J. M. Morris, Brother Lewis was removed from Bellevue and appointed to New Haven, Pa., to succeed Brother Morris. A few weeks ago the Presiding Elder at the suggestion of Rev. R. H. Morris appointed Rev. H. S. Jones, a young man, to the pastoral charge of Bellevue mission. He is doing as well as could be expected. Indications seem to show that Bellevue can be made to increase in strength and that some day she will make a good appointment.

CONCLUSION.—And now, dear brother ministers of the district, permit me to thank you for your kindness to me during the past year. You have treated me with Christian cordiality and

your hospitality will never be forgotten. My visits to you have all been pleasant and surely we have had good times together. While my work has not at all times reached my ideal, I assure you my aim at all times has been to do the best I could. May God continue to bless you more and more. I have traveled over three thousand miles during the year and have only been absent from my district one Sabbath after beginning the work of the year. I wish also to return thanks to the officers and members of the church in the district for the kindness they have shown to me and for the Christian affection which has characterized their treatment to me on the occasion of my visits to them. Perhaps you have thought at times that I ought to give your churches a little more time and attention than I have, but I tell you honestly and truthfully that I have been a very busy man all the year and would gladly have done so had it been possible. And now may each and all of you be favored with the divine presence of Him whom we delight to serve and worship and may his richest blessings be upon the deliberations of this Conference. I am yours for God and the church.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Dollar Money	$ 736 60
Pastor's Support	9,543 86
Education	176 13
Missionary Purposes	285 07
Contingent	35 22
Presiding Elder's Support	788 71
Total for all purposes	20,549 44

Members, 1,355; probationers, 75; conversions, 275.

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
Presiding Elder of the Allegheny District.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

We submit this our annual report. We acknowledge some back sets in the district but on the whole, in some respect, we have advanced over last year. The building of churches in the district has caused us some deep and serious reflection as to how to build without killing our important interests by placing such a heavy burden upon the people from which they would finally revolt and thus cripple our work for years. We would call attention to the condition of the church at Washington, Pa. This church now is in excellent repair but by the time it wears out the building will be unsafe or fit for another decorated dress, as it now bears, and it might be condemned. So we would suggest of a church in like condition, that its members be organized into a building society

and then take stock in some good building and loan association, as many shares as they can safely carry, and by the time the series is out and the church repair gone they would have a sum to aid in rebuilding. But where we have no means and no church property as in many places in West Virginia we have to struggle and do under existing circumstances the best we can. We think now after so much has been accomplished in this field in church building the past few years, that the sympathy and aid of the Conference and Church Extension should be directed in our favor. Yes, dear brethren, we seek your sympathies, prayers and donations to aid in our struggling efforts in church building in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., F. D. Taylor, pastor.—At last we have an A. M. E. Church at this capitol city of West Virginia. Brother Taylor deserves great credit and praise for organizing and building such a beautiful, commodious and praiseworthy church. It was a source of surprise and admiration even to our friends of this busy city, and we are most afraid to say to this Conference (on account of unbelief) that Brother Taylor has built a six thousand dollar church with less than twenty members, in Gothic style, stone trimmed, pressed brick, cathedral windows, stained glass, slate roof, and was said, when illuminated, to be the handsomest church in Charleston with its interior oil finish. Number of members, 21; amount collected for all purposes, $1,187.37; increase over last year, $1,187.37; remaining debt, $3,576.80.

MADISON, W. VA., M. C. Harris, pastor.—We failed at the time to reach the dear people on account of sickness and high water. We had a good report from this work at our District Conference but the pastor failed to reach us. Number of members, 21; collected for all purposes, $75.00.

CEREDO, W. VA.—This little church and pleasant people are struggling hard to pay off a debt on their property of five hundred dollars. Number of members, 18.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—This church is still looking beyond clouds of despair, trusting in God and expressing great hope of deliverance. God have mercy upon this people and restore to them again their church house. Number of members, 18.

CLARKESBURG, W. VA., W. H. Pride, pastor.—This church has had to bear the burden of a sick pastor about all the year. We never saw a church more faithful to the sick than this church has been; they have never swerved from duty to our knowledge. God bless and reward their kindness. Much care and financial success will be required to keep this church property in line. Number of members, 51.

WESTON, W. VA., Alex. Smothers, pastor.—We have a peculiar struggle in church work in Weston. Brother Smothers has done a good work in building an addition to the parsonage, fencing and completing in a general way the premises, making it a pleasant home. Number of members, 22; collected for all purposes, $691.14; remaining debt, $800.00.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., Sandy Christian, pastor.—No words of mine are sufficient to convey the extent of the most worthy and sacrificing effort of this dear brother in saving our church at this place from the hammer of the sheriff. He truly entered upon this work in the darkest day of its history and he has demonstrated such pluck and pushing energy in an organized effort, until the church was saved. We ought to honor and bless the dear brother. Not content in saving the church, he has also built a three-room parsonage and had it completed to the extent that we never spent a pleasanter time at this place. Number of members, 25; collected for all purposes, $375.45; remaining debt, $250.00.

MAMMINGTON, W. VA.—We have no church organization at this place and there are but few of our people.

SISTERVILLE, W. VA.—We have never found many of our people at this place.

PHILLIPPI, W. VA., S. B. Morris, pastor.—Of this people one may learn much by traveling in their midst and secure some knowledge of their habits and customs. Number of members, 6; collected for all purposes, $27.10; increase over last year, $27.10.

WHEELING, W. VA., R. H. Bumry, pastor.—For three years Brother Bumry has kept up the spiritual and financial interest of this people and it would be a great pity for any one to succeed him as the church and people at large in the community desire his return. But it must be remembered that he has had it hard for four years and has proved his ability. He is a leader and the people's man, a good financier and excellent pastor, fine preacher and loving Christian gentleman and the P. E. is happy when he is with him. He will give you a hustle some day for a high position in our church. The debts of this church have, during his administration, steadily declined, so that there only remains five hundred dollars with interest paid to the first of June, 1898. Number of members, 48; collected for all purposes, $1,417.20; increase over last year, $295.56; remaining debt, $500.00.

WEST MIDDLETOWN, PA., Daniel Cole, pastor.—Brother Cole, by his disposition, brought upon himself on this charge great opposition, so that to succeed was out of the question. We can only hope for a future appointment for this church. Number of members, 34; collected for all purposes, $146.00; remaining debt, $21.00.

WAYNESBURG, PA., Newsome, pastor.—For this year Waynesburg church has enjoyed a good administration, equal to any in the history of the charge. Brother Newsome has worked faithfully and deserves credit and appreciation on the ground of the extensive improvement made on this church property, raising and paying off so much debt and he has not been behind in the Conference claims. Number of members, 30; collected for all purposes, $1,150.75; increase over last year, $141.81; remaining debt, $200.45.

McGOVERN, PA., Eli McKnight pastor.—Here is another new church built this Conference year by, Rev. McKnight, making a total of two—one church for each two years that he has preached. Going as he did to McGovern, Pa., without a dollar to start a church with and building a six hundred dollar church, paying four hundred and leaving a debt of two hundred, is not a bad showing. Well, Mc., we will say to you well done. Number of members, 16; collected for all purposes, $652.96; increase over last year, $652.46; remaining debt, $202.00.

WASHINGTON, PA., D. S. Bentley, D. D., pastor.—The present administration of this charge is a transition period from the usual course of the affairs of this church. Dr. Bently is faithful at work, indoctrinating and molding into business form, so that their efforts are conducted upon business principles. The matter of his selling six feet of ground running side wise the lot one hundred and twenty feet for two thouand dollars does somewhat indicate the business character of the man. Above all he is a profound preacher and is of studious habits for he lives in his books, a pleasant associate and is true in all his dealings. He has repaired the roof and painted the parsonage until a sweet and airy aspect presented itself to every gaze of the visitor. We could go on and say much more about this pastor, but what is the use? His praiseworthy efforts are known by all of us. Washington is a great and pleasant charge with its generous and beloved people. Number of members, 185; collected for all purposes, $1,997.80; increase over last year, $476.06; remaining debt, $150.85.

CANONSBURG, PA., Carter Wright, pastor.—When we came to write upon this charge we hardly knew where to begin for it would take the space of a book to write of the charities of this people and pastor. They have built another story over the rear end of the parsonage, tin roofed and painted the entire building, so that in appearance it vies with Washington's parsonage. Oh, yes, it's progress in this district. We hoped to have had a new church building fairly under way this year. They have made an effort in this direction, with several hundred dollars subscribed, and specifications and diagrams of the new church all ready to go to work, with what cash they have for a building fund on hand.

Number of members, 151; collected for all purposes, $1,508.48; increase over last year, $103.00; remaining debt, 220.22.

BEVERLY, W. VA., Elijah Brazier, pastor.—He is a hustler and a general to make money and has a tight hand in which to hold it. There is no man of whom we have knowledge that can hold out so well in marshalling the masses in church effort as this brother. It is astonishing how he continues thus to succeed. We are looking for a grand report from this field.

Collected throughout the District.....$9,168 45
Increase throughout District 519 66

In the foregoing statement of this report we have said little about the spiritual work in the districts. We can say to this Conference, the churches all, with an excepttion or so, are in a living condition. The Lord has of his abundant goodness poured out His spirit in this district and many have taken upon themselves the cause of Christ and are now working in the Master's vineyard. Well, dear brethren, we now come to the place which unto us is a very sad duty to perform. To the Wheeling District we now say, "Farewell!" To you, brethren, to whom we have been so closely associated, amid the hardships, trials and privations of the interior wilds and mountain travels of West Virginia, "Good-bye!" Farewell to the beloved laity. Some may never meet on earth again, but we hope to meet in the great beyond—to all, "Farewell!"

JOHN W. RILEY, P. E.

The following were introduced to the Conference: Revs. G. W. Lewis, P. B. Anderson, of the A. M. E. Zion church, and S. B. Williams, of the New Jersey A. M. E. Conference.

Next in order, the pastors proceeded to make their respective reports, per district.

The time to adjourn having arrived, Rev. S. B. Williams pronounced the benediction.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 8 p. m. to hear the annual sermon by Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace, B. D., of Sewickley, Pa.

The meeting was opened with W. H. Brown, P. E., in the chair, who announced Hymn 255, "Go Preach My Gospel, Saith the Lord." Prayer by Rev. O. T. Davis. Singing by the choir. Elder Brown read Mark 16:9-20, after which he introduced Rev. Wallace, who chose for his text, II Tim. 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved of God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth"—subject. "Study." The sermon was well prepared, forcifully delivered and heartily received. After the sermon, Rev. I. B. Till led in prayer. A collection was taken amounting to $19.30.

Monday evening's program was substituted for Friday evening's. Conference then adjourned. Benediction by Rev. J. P. Wallace.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 8, 1897.

Conference opened at 9 a. m., Bishop Lee presiding. Devotional services conducted by Rev. T. A. Green, who announced Hymn 652, "Talk With Us, Lord, Thyself Reveal." After singing, Rev. Green lead in a feeling prayer. Scripture lesson, Rom. 1, Psalm 148. Rev. Barber conducted the prayer service.

The Conference roll being called, the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and adopted. The reports of the churches were resumed and completed.

Rev. G. B. Howard, of the Baptist church, was introduced to the Conference.

Revs. McGee and Skinner were appointed on the Publication Committee.

Introductions:—Revs. G. W. Kincaid, of the A. M. E. Zion church; Dr. Leak, of the M. E. church; John Dickerson, P. E., of the North Ohio Conference, Springfield District; Rev. Enbanks, of the Baptist church; Thomas Anderson; Dr. H. L. Johnson, Editor of *Christian Recorder*, and Mr. Martin.

After some necessary announcements by the Bishop, Rev. Bumry was appointed to receive subscriptions for *Voice of Missions*, Conference adjourned with doxology benediction by Dr. Johnson.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-convened at 2 p. m., Dr. T. W. Henderson in the chair. Rev. L. A. Barber announced Hymn 356, which was sung, after which he lead in prayer. Singing, "Nearer, My God, To Thee."

The following report on Third Year Studies was submitted and adopted:

Allegheny, Oct. 7, 1897.

Rev. Bishop and Conference:—We, your Committee on Third Year Studies, beg to submit the following report:

We have examined Bro. J. P. Wallace on Third Year Studies and recommend that he be passed to the Fourth Year Studies, he having passed a very creditable examination.

D. S. BENTLEY,
RICHARD TANNER, Sec'y.

The Committee on First Year Studies made its report, which was adopted.

The Report on Temperance was submitted and pending its adoption brief remarks were made by Revs. Caliman, West, Wallace, McKnight, Riley, W. H. Brown, W. H. Palmer, M. D., Dr. Gazaway, J. E. Morris, W. C. Goens, Dr. Bentley, J. P. Stevens and G. C. Sampson.

Bishop Lee said: "The man who puts temperance into his bread and temperance into his ballot, that is gospel temperance."

On motion that the report be referred back to the committee for correction, respecting the allowance and restrictions as to the use of tobacco. Carried.

Bishop Lee made some very potent remarks against the evil practice of the use of tobacco.

The following were introduced: Revs. J. H. Thomson, of the Baptist church; W. D. Fenderson, of A. M. Z. Church; B. H. Lee, North Ohio Conference; O. S. Sims, Baptist Church, G. M. Payne, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Prof. Heath, who sang a beautiful solo, inspiring and uplifting.

Rev. B. H. Lee thanked the Conference for its cordial greetings.

A motion prevailed that Brother Heath be accorded the courtesies of the Conference.

Special committee respecting W. H. Brown and J. P. Stevens: B. Wheeler, J. H. Bell, G. C. Sampson, R. H. Bumry, C. A. McGee.

Bishop Lee made remarks respecting the educational meeting at the evening session.

The Committee on Public Worship submitted a partial report.

The Conference then adjourned, benediction by Rev. B. H. Lee.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference re-convened at 8 p. m. to hold the Educational Anniversary, Bishop Lee presiding. Opening services consisted of singing by the choir. Prayer was offered by Rev. Richard Tanner. The choir sang a pleasing and inspiring selection.

Bishop Lee said: "No other subject stands ahead of that of enlightening and lifting a race; we are working for education; we are working for missions; we are working for the publication of books; we are working for the refinement and sanctification of the hearts of our families and people."

Dr. Asbury spoke with reference to Christian education as a necessity and presented Rev. W. H. Brown, who submitted a very important report respecting Payne Theological Seminary. J. W. Gazaway read the following report:

To the Bishop and Conference:—Your Committee on Education submits the following as their report:

The term "education" implies the drawing forth and cultivation of the human faculties. In this generalization is included the whole system of faculties and powers, morally, intellectually and physically. This important work is not left to the state to carry forward, but the church has joined in the work and has wisely undertaken to an extent the education of the coming generation. This is as it should be; for whatever relates to the highest improvement of human life and powers inseparably allies itself with the work of the church.

The moral, intellectual and physical training or education should be of a Christian character. No other than a Christian agency can so control and employ the moral, intellectual and physical powers in man, so as to obtain through them the best results, to individual, social and national posterity, and consequent happiness. We have a standard of right and it is always a right standard, namely, the Bible, and the intentions and actions are to harmonize with the word and spirit found therein. Happily there is instruction given in it for all. The wisest counsels are there. It should be prominent in the home, the business house and the school.

The intellect should be employed in the study of God as he is everywhere revealed. The mutual faculty is to be first controlled in the work of Christian education is the attention, which one writer defines as being "consciousness focalized." This faculty must be centered upon God. Man has a destiny; he has been created for a purpose; he must know what and be prepared for the purpose of his being. The physical man is to be brought under subjection and consecrated to the work of righteousness. The assumption of our nature by Christ was for the purpose of perfectly educating, sanctifying and saving humanity. A Christian education elevates to that plane of exalted being and happiness that God designs for man to occupy. That that gives value to mankind is the spiritual nature he is in possession of, and in order to attain the highest spiritual good, the whole system of faculties and powers must be educated to that end.

Temporal and physical results are assured through a Christian education. "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth, the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness endureth forever." The possession and practice of a Christian education by all would drive poverty and want from every home and lavishly pour riches and honor upon all.

One writer has said: "There are many that are accounted deep scholars, great linguists, profound philosophers, good grammarians, excellent mathematicians, sharp logicians, coming politicians, fine rhetoricians, sweet musicians. The most of such persons spend

their time to delight others as well as to please themselves. But he is the best grammarian that hath learned to speak the truth from his heart; the best astronomer that hath his conversation in heaven; the best musician that hath learned to sing the praises of his God; the best arithmetician that numbereth his days. He that amendeth his life and groweth better and better every day is cunning in ethics; he that traineth up his family in the fear of God is best seen in the affairs of the household. Who so is wise to salvation, prudent in giving and taking good counsel, is the best politician; and he is a good linguist that speaks the language of Canaan.

The educational work of our church lays its obligations upon all the members of the church, and because of this we have systematically organized our whole connection into a complete compact for earnest, united and telling work in the interest of God and the race variety with which we are identified, and we note with pleasure the increased interest in this work, as is evidenced in the increased contributions, and yet more can be done.

We appreciate highly the great interest and earnest effort upon the part of our Secretary of Education. We realize the importance of our District Secretaries in working up an interest in the various divisions of our work. We also appreciate the interest on the part of our bishops relative to the work of education. They have all urged repeatedly by precept and example greater interest and effort in this work.

The work of Payne Theological Seminary is vitally connected with our future success as a church. The heavy debt under which it is laboring is to be liquidated largely through the efforts of the First Educational District. Dr. John G. Mitchell, our honored Dean, is making a great effort to bring it across the twentieth century line out of debt. It is not impossible to do this. If the people can be made to see the importance of the work as it relates to the future success of the church, the work of adjusting the present obligations upon our Seminary will be speedily accomplished.

Can we not arrange to hold on next Endowment Day what may be termed the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Pittsburg Conference? Can we not strike a medal which shall be known as "Anniversary Medal" and offer it as a souvenir to any and all who may make special contribution for education? Cannot this be made universal throughout our connection? If so, we may succeed in collecting a large amount in the interest of our schools. The Conferences that are older than this will have a greater history to review, and thus great interest will be thrown into our Endowment Day effort throughout our entire domain.

We think the suggestion a good one and a trial will not diminish the interest either in our educational work or the history of the various Conferences of our connection. The fact that we are com-

ing to the century line will also create interest in the effort and thus strengthen the coffers of all our educational institutions.

We note with great pleasure the almost general organization of Twentieth Century Clubs. Returns have been gathered and thus our financial strength in the interest of our Seminary is to a degree increased. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will not slacken our effort in the work of education.

Resolved, That all that has thus far been accomplished shall be an inspiration to greater achievements in the interest of all our schools and colleges.

Resolved, That we will also encourage the success of the Industrial Departments of our schools, believing as we do, that they are doing an important work for the young men of our race variety.

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
J. P. WALLACE,
JOHN W. GAZAWAY.

Dr. D. S. Bentley moved for the adoption of the preceding reports. Pending their adoption the choir sang a selection. The following amendment to resolution on Payne Theological Seminary was offered by Bishop Lee:

WHEREAS, Mr. George F. Richings has been authorized to collect funds for Payne Theological Seminary, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richings purposes to spend considerable time within the bounds of this Annual Conference territory, therefore be it

Resolved, That we will co-operate with him by requesting our people to contribute the use of their churches to his service and give the half of the profits that would accrue to them to Payne Seminary, the same to be accredited to said churches on account of Payne Seminary.

Rev. W. S. Lowry moved for the adoption of said amendment which was heartily adopted.

Rev. I. B. Till made a timely address upon the subject of education. "I Will Guide Thee" was heartily sung by the congregation.

Dr. Asbury said: "God guided Bishop Payne in the purchasing of Wilberforce University." He introduced Rev. Samuel T. Mitchell, the President, who was heartily greeted. He congratulated the Conference on their splendid work accomplished along the line of contributions for educational purposes. More students are enrolled than ever before at this season of the year. Some have come from Africa to receive industrial and ministerial training to go back and work in their native country. They are there from all sections of the country.

The remarks of President Mitchell were quite inspiring and instructive. Dr. Asbury called for a liberal collection for the cause of education. There was received $15.63.

The reports of the committees as above referred to were unanimously adopted.

Mr. G. F. Richings made some very potent remarks respecting the importance and necessity of Christian education as fostered by the African M. E. Church. The meeting then closed, benediction by Dr. H. T. Johnson.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 9, 1897.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m., Bishop Lee in the chair. Opening devotional services were conducted by Rev. F. D. Taylor. The 520th hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" was sung; Rev. D. Newsom led in prayer. "Saviour More Than Life to Me" was sung. Brother Bowser read the 14th Psalm. Rev. Taylor conducted the prayer service.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and after necessary corrections were adopted.

Introductions:—Rt. Rev. Moses B. Salter, of the Eighth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. church; Rev. C. T. Shaffer, D. D., secretary of Church Extension Society, and Mrs. P. S. Salter.

A resolution respecting temperance was offered by Dr. Asbury. It was received and referred to the Report on Temperance.

"Any thing that is right is becoming."—(*B. F. L.*)

The committee of the Church Publication Department reported as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:—We, your committee on Publication of the A. M. E. church, respectfully submit the following report:

The publications of the A. M. E. church today present an appearance—with few exceptions— highly commendable, especially so when we consider the many disadvantages to overcome. The journals of the church have reached a position in ecclesiastical journalism that commands the attention of all, irrespective of denominational preferences. The *Christian Recorder*, *Southern Christian Recorder* and *Voice of Missions*, the organs through which the church speaks, have made rapid strides in advanced journalism and should receive the patronage of every African Methodist.

The press of today is a recognized power both in the secular and religious world. To read the journals of the church is not

only to be informed of its progress, but in it we see the opinions of its bishops, presiding elders, elders and laity upon subjects touching its vital interests. Not only should we give them our support on these grounds—which are sufficient of themselves—but loyalty to church interests demand denominational preferences. Denominational journals are a present necessity and the support of such journals is but the fruit of such loyalty. Not only is this true as it regards church organs, but every single publication of the church. We find in this connection that our Sabbath school literature is sadly neglected. A loyal support of this department of publication would entirely obviate the necessity of a division of Children's Day proceeds. There may be defects in the school literature but none which cannot be remedied by every school using its publications. Pastors of each and every church should urge this upon their schools as an expression of loyal devotion to the church and interest of the school.

The twenty-first revised edition of the discipline is in every respect equal to any publication of a similar nature and undoubtedly demonstrates beyond dispute the ability of the publication department to perform work equal—all things being equal— to any. Yet there is room for improvement, which will be made, we believe, when every local preacher, exhorter and intelligent layman will buy a Discipline and study the laws of the church. To know the Discipline is to know the doctrines and rules of the church, which is essential to compliance, and this fact should be deeply impressed upon the minds of the church officers.

Among the numerous church publications there is none that reaches the height in the literary world as that of the *Quarterly Review*. This magazine goes hand in hand with the best talent of higher intelligence, and is food of the finest quality for the scientist, philosopher or lovers of classical literature. The articles appearing in this magazine are of an inspiring and aspiring nature, tending to encourage its readers to a higher and critical knowledge of men and things in general.

The hymn book published by the church, while it shows progress is not up to the standard of other publications. Hymn books, especially those that are bought for choir purposes, should contain notes; and all hymn books should be uniform in number and page. The difference should be quality and not matter. Again, each church should be communicated with in regards to hymnals and such offers made as would induce them to purchase hymn books for the church and choir. Again, we would recommend hymnal cards which are cheaper for congregational purposes, and are not liable to be taken from the church premises. It is, therefore, the firm conviction of your committee that if every African Methodist will do their best in subscribing for and purchasing the publications of the church and the publication department will do their best in

publishing matter up to the present standard of church publications, great and lasting good will result to the church and the people in general.

REV. J. H. RILEY,
D. NEWSOME,
R. H. BUMRY,
Committee.

An amendment was offered by Rev. S. P. West that the part of the report referring to the use of card hymns be stricken out and substitute in stead that each member of Conference do all he can to furnish the people with hymnals, and to procure at least five yearly subscribers to the *Christian Recorder*. The substitute being received, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Admission submitted its report, as follows:

East End, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 8, 1897.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of Conference:—We your Committee on Admission respectfully submit the following report: We have examined F. E. Bowser and T. J. Smith, who have made the averages of 68 and 76 per cent. and we do therefore respectfully recommend their admission.

We have also inquired into the relations and standing of S. B. Morris and find that he has been regularly recommended by his district conference. He has come from the M. E. church and joined our church at Charleston, W. Va. We further find that he has been ordained a deacon in the M. E. church, and that he has been employed at Phillippi, in the Wheeling District.

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
J. W. RILEY,
S. P. WEST, Secretary,
Committee.

Upon the adoption, objections were made by Rev. J. P. Stephens to Bro. Bowser, who, though not being ordained, assisted on different occasions in the administration of the Lord's Supper. A motion prevailed to lay the report on the table till the matter be investigated. The following were appointed as a committee for said purpose: Revs. Tanner, R. Brown, D. Newsom.

The Committee on State of Church and Country submitted its report. Pending its adoption some very pertinent remarks were made by Dr. W. H. Palmer. He made a strong plea for advantages denied our young people in public schools and other positions of importance. Dr. Johnson, editor of the *Christian Recorder*, commended the report, but thought it ought to be more thoroughgoing. The general condition of the country today on business relations, as compared to that of a year ago, should be considered. The reign of mob law in the south, so rife, should not be left out.

The deplorable and indifferent condition of our young people, as to the intellectual and moral requirements, should be earnestly looked after. Rev. J. W. Riley stated that the colored people should go into business for themselves. The committee reported as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference:—Your committee to whom was referred the subject of the state of the Church and Country, respectfully submit the following: Some times the question is raised, which is the greater word, the state or the church? It is said that the church is divine. The state is also divine. If the church represents the Word of God in its relations to our spiritual nature, the state represents the will of God in relation to our entire being. The state is a necessity grown in the very nature of man. We are gregarious by constitution; we cannot live in isolation. "Politics is the science of living in communities." The state is the expression of that science in its best form. The republic is the culmination of all the ages in the past in regard to the state. It is easy to boast of a great country; of a good government; of a common language; of Christian churches and religious liberty; of rapid inter-communication; of unbounded wealth; of numerical strength, and the like. But no one pretends that all this can insure a people's welfare. Now, then, to the subject more fully under consideration. Wherever the church has been established and received, ignorance and superstition have been dispelled; the blessings of civilization have been diffused; men have been made acquainted with their rights, and have been taught to respect the rights of others; and the arts and sciences have been cultivated and have flourished. These blessings are enjoyed in proportion to the extent to which the people have access to the church and conform to its requirements. The church through instrumentalities is turning men and women away from vice to virtue, and from disobedience to the wisdom of the just. It is making men better in every relation of life. Many who were outcasts from society, depraved, abandoned and wretched, through its influence have been reclaimed, elevated and made useful members of society. The church has survived all changes, outlived all persecutions, and, with immortal youth, walks among the graves of false philosophies, of decayed superstitions, purifying the polluted atmosphere and pointing the heirs of sin and death to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, eternal in the heavens. Unroll the map of history where you please, and you will meet portrayed before you, the wonder-working hand stretched out to protect the church, and to overrule men and events in the praise of his name, and the furtherance of his gracious plans. The state of the country is to be considered from various standpoints, but we have only taken a few of them into consideration. The great thought of the republic is liberty. For the first time in the history of the human race great

ideas of individuals have found the freest, most comprehensive, most absolute expression in the state. The state is for you and for me. We do not exist for the state, but the state exists for us. When the republic has made justice possible, so that every man and every woman and every child shall have that to which he is entitled, the state has done its work. When it has made it possible that you and I shall be free men and free women, exercising in all the plentitude of the word our rights as individuals, it has done its highest work. Universal suffrage is our contribution to human government. The completest and fullest liberty of every individual in all the land is our contribution to the science of human government. But the state of the country is not what it should be in all the above particulars. The Afro-American is still held down by the hands of prejudice in that he is deprived of many positions that he could fulfill equally as well as any other race variety. Our boys and girls who are competent find it impossible everywhere in this country to be employed even as a clerk, not saying anything about the many other avenues closed against them. Your committee would recommend the forming of leagues and associations to consider what is best to be done in order that our intelligent men and women may successfully enter every department of business for which they are qualified. We had hoped and prayed that lynchings would not have to be considered at this Annual Conference, but since they have been committed during the year to an alarming extent we as Christ's ambassadors must rise up against them in every legitimate way. We should not cease in our efforts until every man, whether innocent or guilty, shall have a fair trial according to the laws of this country. We have launched out upon the sea of universal suffrage; we have declared our political faith, that we will protect every man, without distinction to race or color. Now, having taken this as the fundamental principle of Republican government, we need to see to it that lynchings are stopped.

Intemperance.—Whatever destroys a man's body, or obscures his mind, or confuses his conscience, or renders impure his heart, or renders unsteady his will, unfits him to be a ruler and so threatens the foundations of the republic. One great enemy of the republic is the saloon, because it does all these. We should renew our pledge to wage war against the liquor until the whole business, "root and branch," is utterly annihilated.

Christian Sabbath.—The Christian Sabbath is by no small portion of the people desecrated, so much so that many people regard it as kind of a holiday. They try to shut out of sight the Sabbath and the bible and the church. They mistake the grandest purpose for which the Sabbath was instituted. It is in keeping with our holy religion as a Christian ministry and church to contend for the observance of the Sabbath at whatever it may cost us.

H. A. GRANT,
W. S. LOWRY.

Resolved, That we extend to the island of Cuba our heartfelt sympathy in her struggle for liberty and independence from the hand of cruel Spain, and call upon the church to offer to God our sincere prayers for a speedy delivery in her present oppression.

Resolved, That our sympathy be extended to those stricken in the southland with that dreadful scourge, yellow fever, and trust that God in His allwise providence may soon allay the ravages of this terrible disease and may check the course.

Resolved, That we extend to our laboring organizations throughout this country our sympathy in their efforts to get better wages, urging at the same time an opening of the doors of organized labor to the negroes of America, and pray that strikes and all such disturbances may soon be things of the past.

H. A. GRANT,
W. S. LOWRY,
J. W. JEFFRIES.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Fourth Year Studies was submitted by Rev. W. H. Brown, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference:—We, your Committee on Fourth Year Studies, submit the following:—We have examined Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace, and find him fully competent in the studies prescribed. We recommend that he be ordained elder. We have also examined Thomas J. Smith, who was ordained elder according to the rules of the A. M. E. Zion church, and Harry J. Williams, who was ordained elder according to the rule of the Baptist church, and therefore recommend that they be re-obligated.

W. H. BROWN.
G. C. SAMPSON,
R. H. MORRIS.

The Committee on Episcopal Residence reported as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference:—We, your committee on Episcopal Residence, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe that the time has come to build or purchase a residence to be know as the Episcopal Residence of the Third Episcopal District, and recommend or ask that the Committee on Episcopal Residence of the Pittsburg Conference be empowered to confer with the committee of the other Conferences of the district upon the matter. We ask that an appropriation of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) be made to pay rent on the house now occupied by the Bishop, and we further recommend that each pastor be requested to increase his contingent money at least one dollar that we may meet our obligations without embarrassment.

Respectfully submitted,
G. G. SKINNER,
CARTER WRIGHT,
THOS. A. GREEN.

Report on Second Year Studies was submitted as follows:

Pittsburg, Pa., October 8, 1897.

To the Bishop and Conference: We, your Committee on the Second Year Studies, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the following brethren: Tony J. Askew, Eli McKnight, Jos. E. Morris, and John W. Brown in the prescribed course of studies of that year, and find that they have been studious and give every evidence of progress. They have received the following averages, respectively: Joseph E. Morris, 66 per cent.; Eli McKnight, 79 per cent.; John W. Brown, 81 per cent.; Tony J. Askew, 90 per cent. We therefore recommend that they be admitted into full connection and advanced to the office of deacon.

We have also had laid before us special requests from the churches at Franklin and Homestead, asking that Brother James Lawson, of the former church, (age 65); Brother Bowman F. Scott, of the latter, (age 61), and Brother Cyrus Young be ordained local deacons. We have examined these brethren in the doctrine and usage of our church and as to their knowledge of the bible, and find them to have a fair knowledge of the same, and we believe them to be useful in the local capacity of their respective churches. We therefore recommend that these brethren be advanced to the office of local deacon. Respectfully submitted,

D. F. CALIMAN,
I. B. TILL,
P. A. SCOTT,
Committee.

The report on Allen Day was made as follows:

Euclid Avenue, October 8, 1897.

We, your Committee on Allen Day Money, report the following: Rev. Cyrus Woodson, Bellefonte, Pa., $3.00; Rev. J. P. Wallace, Sewickley, Pa., $1.00; Rev. H. A. Grant, Scranton, Pa., $1.00; Rev. J. E. Morris, Olean, N. Y., $2.00; Rev. O. T. Davis, Greensburg, Pa., $3.00; Rev. C. A. McGee, Bradford, Pa., $2.20; Rev. G. C. Sampson, Oil City, Pa., $2.00; Rev. J. W. Brown, Waverly, Pa., $1.00; Rev. J. W. Gazaway, Wylie Avenue church, $5.26; Rev. T. J. Askew, West Newton, Pa., $2.25; Rev. A. E. Waldon, Tyrone, Pa., $1.00; Rev. R. H. Bumry, Wheeling, W. Va., $2.00; Rev. R. M. Henderson, Philipsburg, Pa., 58 cents; Rev. S. P. West, Franklin, Pa., $3.00; Rev. D. S. Bently, Washington, Pa., $2.00; Rev. Carter Wright, Canonsburg, Pa., $3.00; Rev. Daniel Newsom, Waynesburg, Pa., $1.37; Rev. R. H. Morris, Brown Chapel, Pa., $3.00; Rev. W. S. Lowry, Euclid Avenue, $5.00; Rev. Richard Tanner, Chartiers, $3.00; Rev. D. F. Caliman, Williamsport, Pa., $3.00. Total amount raised, $48.56.

C. A. McGEE,
G. G. SKINNER.

The Conference adjourned with doxology, benediction by Dr. Shaffer.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference opened at 2.30 p. m., Bishop Lee presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Brown. The special committee with reference to complaint against Brother Bowser reported as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference:—We, your committee appointed to investigate the complaint made against Brother Bowser by Brother J. P. Stevens, make the following report: We have had before us the two brothers mentioned and also Rev. George Lews, presiding elder of A. M. E. Z. church. After careful investigation we find that Brother Bowser has ignorantly violated the law by assisting in the administration of the Lord's Supper; he admitting that he did not know it was wrong; it being consecrated by the elder. We recommend that our young licentiate ministers be more careful to inform themselves in the laws governing our churches. Respectfully submitted,

R. TANNER,
D. NEWSOME,
REV. R. BROWN.

Dr. D. S. Bently moved, as an amendment, that Brother Bowser be reprimanded for his mistake in assisting in the administration of the Lord's Supper. The same was adopted.

Brother Bowser was called before the altar and Bishop Lee said: "I am sorry you have been so unfortunate. Be careful to know what your duty is; study the law of the church and your bible. May God bless and save you."

Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. church, was presented to the Conference and was heartily greeted. The Bishop stated that he was glad to be in the midst of the Pittsburg Conference. "It seems to me that great improvements have been made since I met it last at Oil City. I see a stately, commanring galaxy of divines. Yielding to the request of Dr. Parks, I came here to represent the great work of Missions. I congratulate the Pittsburg Conference for the spirit and interest it has manifested in this great work. In a short time I expect to go to Africa. In South Africa, a vast territory, having a various and delightful climate, God being my helper, I expect to go and let you know all I can about it. I have advocated African emigration to a limited extent, at least two or three hundred thousand; not eight or ten millions, as I have been accused of saying." He further congratulated the Conference for its interest in the *Voice of Missions*. "The Spirit of Missions is growing and in a few years at the present rate it will leaven the whole church."

By motion the report on admission was lifted and adopted.

Dr. Mitchell, Dean of Payne Theological Seminary, was introduced to the Conference. He stated: "I am glad to see you." After referring to his recent illness, he said: "The indebtedness of Payne Seminary ought to be liquidated in the next three months. Every period or cycle of time has its work for every person. Now, in our great Civil War men held that was the time to sacrifice life to save the country. The special duty of the Pittsburg Conference is to have an educated ministry, a consecrated ministry, and I am glad that the brethren are trying to do it."

Bishop Lee, inviting Bishop M. B. Salter to the chair, retired. The Conference then suspended its business and organized itself into a Historical Literary Society, after which Conference resumed business. "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung. Rev. S. B. Williams led in prayer. Brothers F. E. Bowser and S. B. Morris were called to the altar and received on probation per discipline by Bishop M. B. Salter.

Brothers Toney J. Askew, Joseph E. Morris, J. W. Brown and Eli McKnight were received into full connection per discipline, by Bishop Salter.

Bishop Lee, resuming the chair, Rev. W. H. Brown submitted a supplementary report on public worship.

After some important announcements, Conference adjourned with doxology. Benediction by Bishop Turner.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference re-convened at 8 p. m., Bishop M. B. Salter in the chair. Rev. W. H. Brown announced hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have." After singing by the choir, Rev. J. Dickerson led in an earnest prayer.

Bishop Salter stated the object of the meeting and introduced the chairman, J. W. Jeffries, of the Committee on Church Extension, who read the following report:

E. E. Pittsburg, Pa., October 8, 1897.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:—Your Committee on Church Extension desires to report:—Through the kindness of our General Secretary, Dr. C. T. Shaffer, we have been able to gain much information and statistics. After carefully reading and perusing the same we have reached the conclusion that no department of our great church should be more carefully nursed and liberally supported. The African Methodist Episcopal adopted and added to her many other successfully operated departments, the extension of the Church of Jesus Christ. In May, 1892, the General Conference launched this church saving, church help-

ing, church building institution without a dollar. But with the strong knowledge and conviction of its necessity. It is manned by such a captain as Bishop Grant, and piloted by the high churchman, Dr. C. T. Shaffer. This department has been of untold good to the connection, and many struggling churches in its boundary. The great benefit of this department can be seen from the work in the five years of its existence. The amount collected in the last quadrennium was $40,401.30, while from May, 1896, to May, 1897, $14,420.14; making a grand total of $54,821.44. This shows conclusively that the church extension department and its good should be supported. Nearly every Conference throughout the connection has received assistance from the above amounts as a donation or a loan to assist its embarrassed churches. Six churches in the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference have enjoyed some help from this department of the connection.

We, your committee, respectfully urge it upon the members of this Conference to double their energy in this direction, and instead of reporting $1.50 or $1.75, let us labor to increase our reports from 50 to 75 cents. We have noted the crippled condition of a number of our churches. In several instances we have lost valuable property and may lose more unless something is immediately done. People are being driven from our churches on account of heavy and burdensome debts, from the results of injudicious management in the building of churches.

We do hereby recommend that no churches be built by any of our pastors without the advice and council of the P. E., Bishop or local committee on Church Extension.

We further recommend that the greatest economy be used in the building of our churches and parsonages.

We venture this assertion that every church built by us cost three-fourths more than the churches built by white people. While we want handsome church edifices and encourage the beautifying of the temples of the Lord of Hosts, yet the greatest precaution should be used in the erection of too expensive structures.

We further recommend that there be placed in the hands of the presiding elders and Church Extension committee the list of all unoccupied or abandoned property of the connection in the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference, and they be empowered to make such disposition of said property as will be to the best interest of the connection.

We further recommend that wherever it can be done without too much embarrassing the membership of a circuit or station, that a parsonage be built.

We further urge and recommend that all moneys borrowed from the Church Extension be promptly paid and interest be kept up in every instance. As in borrowing money from banks and other institutions we are compelled to keep up interest or allow

our notes and papers to go protested. Hence, we see the great necessity in the prompt payment of interest and principal, which not only establishes the credit of the church or churches so paying, but will enable the Church Extension department to broaden her borders, and thereby be in better financial condition to assist with the same principal and interest some other struggling and financially embarrassed church. Amount of receipts, $124.34; amount of cash, $2.37; total, $126.71. All of which we most respectfully submit.

J. W. JEFFRIES,
O. T. DAVIS,
W. C. GOENS,
Committee.

On motion pending the adoption of the same Rev. D. S. Bentley D. D., was introduced by the president and submitted a carefully prepared address as follows:

"The term church is very significant because it signifies two important things. 1st—A congregation of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. 2nd—A place of Christian worship. To this last definition the thought of this paper is directed.

Churches are of five classes: Metropolitan, Cathedral, Collegiate, Conventional and Parochial. Of these the first are the most costly in architectural work, while the last named is less elaborate in structure.

Coming directly to the subject, in our own ordinary language, any building set apart for religious ordinances is called a church. This grade of church building does not in very many instances meet the unanimous approval of a higher educated class, but poverty constrains people under such circumstances to endure that which they cannot otherwise avoid. If the government of a state finds it necessary to make better roads for the accommodation of the traveling public in order that the rich and poor may enjoy a common blessing, what ought the poorer class of people in a vastly rich and growing country expect? Especially when the facilities for intelligent, religious worship of the Allwise Creator are inadequate. There was a time when the educational system of this country was shamefully small; when it really seemed to be in the hands of a few individuals; but in this age of advanced thought it is found to be of so much importance that the most enlightened systems of state government are now making provisions for the education of all the people. *Can the Christian church afford to do less?*

Prof. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., in discussing the non-church-going masses, among other things said: "We congratulate ourselves upon the extent to which the religion of the cross pervades in all ranks and classes of society. Yet the statistics of church accommodation go to show that, if on any Sabbath morning, if

every person of suitable age should determine to attend public worship, not more than one-fourth could be comforably accommodated; even though every sanctuary were crowded to its full capacity."

It is said that statistics cannot always be relied upon; but in this instance we put our observational experience in evidence of its truthfulness.

As a connectional organization we may congratulate ourselves upon having put forth an organized effort for the purpose of meeting in a business way the emergencies which confront us at every turn; but still the facilities are not equal to the demands. The untiring labor of our ever-faithful and most efficient secretary, in the person of Rev. C. T. Shaffer, D. D., has resulted not only in introducing fairly well an improved system of church work to a people already burdened with great financial obligations, but has also saved many valuable church properties from the sheriff's hammer. Thus continuing open doors through which many gladly enter to hear the word of life.

We appreciate the fact that age is necessary to the accomplishment of grand and growing results. Such results are made possible by using the opportunities of today which may not return tomorrow. Repayment of loans and interest must be an absolute certainty in a buisness-like manner so as to insure a most prosperous financial existence of the institution.

There are today unpaid loans amounting to $31,304.26; interest on loans, $3,288.95; making a total of $34,593.21.

Our churches must deal with the Church Extension Society as with any other institution which assumes to do business in a legitimate way for the constituency they represent. Of the 4,500 churches and Sunday schools in our connection, only about 1,400 have returned Children's Day funds to the Church Extension society, amounting to about $3,000. What might we not be able to do in the way of making liberal appropriations toward the erection of commodious churches in mission fields? For the achievement of this most important end, there should be one general united effort from every church wherever the banner of African Methodism floats. Christian liberality needs to be insisted upon in this gospel land, if we ever expect to reach that higher degree of perfection in a work so nobly begun by our fathers, whose footprints are waymarks for the church today. They worked manfully, fought bravely, and died triumphantly; leaving us to contend with the coming billows of an ocean which wafted them home in its flow. Liberality puts inself in sympathy with that great tide of universal mercy which, flowing forth from the throne of God, encompasses every island, washes every shore, and offers its blessing to the race of mankind. The liberal giving of money, and even lands, to extend the church of Christ must be economically united with

other religious forces until this universal empire of which it is written, "The kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever."

The immense energy and strength of the agencies at work in different sections of our church boundary have accomplished marvelous results. However, it is said, "The golden age lies not in the past but in the future." Hence, to come to a perfect realization of the grandeur which awaits us, we must rise to a greater knowledge of the purpose of God in the revelation which is to end our days upon earth with celestial brightness.

The choir sang "Bring Them In."

The report of the Sunday School Union was given by Rev. J. P. Stephens, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference:—Dear Father and Brethren:—We, your Committee on Sunday School Union, beg leave to present for your consideration their report, ending August 11, 1897.

Supplimented to this the committee desires to express their pleasure in the revelation made in this report of the phenomenal growth and permanent success achieved by Secretary C. S. Smith, in this the closing year of the one and a half decade since its commencement in 1882.

The amount gathered by and from a race whose struggles have been against innumerable and almost insurmountable barriers placed in their way of success. Notwithstanding all, they have gathered through perseverance and sacrifice $56,969.57 for the support of an institution that is accomplishing so much for the race's elevation. We confess that this an instance that claims the general appreciation of the connection. We are, as a church, lifted up by the untiring zeal and result of fifteen years' labor of Secretary Smith, because he has established beyond all contradiction the capability of a race upon whom the stigma has been placed, that he is unsusceptible of any appreciable achievements.

We therefore recommend that the church throughout the connection give unstintingly their support for the literature published in Nashville, Tenn., by our Sunday School Union. We further recommend that all of our ministers urge, and see that the bible be used in connection with the Lesson Quarterly in all our Sabbath schools.

We are in possession of receipts showing the faithfulness of the Pittsburg Conference to the amount of $141.65. By cash brought to Conference, $2.37. Grand total, $144.02. This amount is good but we hopefully look forward to next year and expect better. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this Pittsburg Conference

pledge their co-operation for greater degree of support to the Sunday School Union for the coming year.

G. W. WEBSTER,
R. M. HENDERSON,
J. P. STEVENS,
Committee.

The following circular issued by the General Board of Church Extension appeals strongly to the sympathies of every member of our connection and should awaken each one to a full sense of their duty to the church and to their God:

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:—Dear Fathers and Brethren—Greeting:—We, the General Board of the Department of Church Extension of the A. M. E. church, have the honor, through our secretary, to submit to you and the whole church, a brief summary statement of the work committed to our hands and of the work accomplished by this department during the year just ended.

We take special pleasure in announcing the loyalty to and interest manifested in this important branch of our church work, which to our mind clearly evinces the fact that this department is making for itself an ever widening field of operation and usefulness; extending its influence all over the connection for good, widening the borders of our Zion, and establishing a more permanent condition of our church work. This is clearly demonstrated in the fact that notwithstanding the stringency of the times there is a constantly increasing revenue flowing into the treasury, (which can hardly be said of any other organization in the country.) We are, however, very forcibly impressed with the fact that there are some things which constitute a real danger or menace to the future prosperity if not the life of this department, if they are not summarily checked.

First among these we would say is the growing disposition of churches, small or great, once aided by this department, to take it easy and repeat their appeal for aid every time a note falls due, or on the maturity of semi-annual or annual interest, as though this department was organized for their especial benefit or to relieve and carry their burdens for them. We feel a stop must be put to this.

Second. In the utter disregard of their obligations by the churches to this department, their failure to pay the interest on notes, mortgages, etc., and pay the principal of loans as it falls due, many of our pastors making no reply at all to bills and communications sent out to them by the secretary.

The prompt payment of interest and loans when falling due should be one of our strongest sources of revenue, hence this condition cannot be allowed to continue, as there is now $3,288.95 interest due the department.

Third. We observe a growing disposition to buy, remodel or build churches and contract obligations with no provision for, or ability or probability of meeting the said obligations when they mature, without consulting any one, and often against advice of the bishop, and sometimes the secretary of Church Extension, who warn brethren of the danger; then when the obligations mature call upon the Church Extension Department to pay the bill, often saying, now if this property is sold it will lie at the door of, and the department must bear the blame.

Brethren, let there be a halt called all along these lines and general closing up on the business side of our church work, undertaking nothing we cannot reasonably see our way out of, meeting promptly our obligations to all creditors alike; otherwise there will be more churches and schools sacrificed than ever before.

The receipts of the department for the year ending have been very gratifying indeed when compared with the previous years and considering the times. And yet they fall far short of being equal to the great and pressing demands upon this department. And this suggests the necessity of a more general and liberal observance of "Children's Day," both by the churches and schools of the entire connection. If this were done we would realize easily on each recurring "Children's Day" $10,000.

At our present meeting April 26, 1897, there were applications placed before the Board, 225 asking for aid to the amount of $40,000, while there was a balance to meet this demand of $6,358.33. It is easy to see how utterly impossible that every one should have even a little.

These figures plead for a general and energetic effort throughout the entire connection on behalf of Church Extension and especially by our stronger churches and schools both on Children's Day of each recurring year, and as well in the way of a special collection through the year, far more eloquently than any words of ours possibly can. Remember the Scripture assurance: "He that watereth shall himself be watered again," and "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

"To whom belong the cattle on a thousand hills, and as well all the gold of the earth, and in whose hand is the heart of the king and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, to Him be glory and dominion forevermore."

Humbly yours for the church and race,

Rt. REV. A. GRANT, D. D., President.
REV. C. T. SHAFFER, D. D.,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon the adoption of the same Bishop Salter introduced Dr. Shaffer, the Secretary of the Church Extension department, who said in part: "It affords me very great pleasure to be here, especially at this important occasion." He congratulated the Confer-

ence on its earnest effort and promising outlook for the future respecting the two important departments, namely: The Sunday School Union and the Church Extension Society. He considered the three factors, that of the home, the church and school, as the most necessary means for the accomplishment of great things in lifting the race. The idea of home points to a sacred spot, a place of our own where we can plant our feet; our own vine and fig tree. Not like the gypsy home, here today and yonder tomorrow, but an institution where a family may be planted, and developed into virtue and usefulness. Such a one has something to live for. He will stand. No people will stand who worship in rented halls, but where the sacrifices and earnest effort are made for the erection of stately church edifices, even such as we are in tonight. The Church Extension Society comes in to assist in the accomplishing this potent end.

What is true of the house and church is also true of the school house. The Church Extension department is hand in hand with the Sunday School Union and the Publishing department, to lift the race.

Bishop Turner, the Senior Bishop, president of the Sunday School Union department, was presented to the Conference. He called attention to the Church Extension society, the building of churches, etc., and the Sabbath School department. He stated that a large portion of our church is not taking our Sunday School literature. The Sunday School Union will furnish anything you want in Sunday work. If we have not as much as you need, hold up your hands and we will supply the deficiency. Don't stand off and grumble, but report to us and we will endeavor to satisfy you."

No Sunday school, no lesson leaf, no school, no instruction can take the place of God's proclaimed Word. When I go to churches of large congregations, with no little boys and girls, I raise the alarm. It is God's Almighty proclaimed Word that gives mold and character to the child. I would sooner see our Sunday schools abolished than to have our children of the race deprived from the preaching services and worship.

Bishop Salters spoke impressively respecting the foregoing remarks, exhorting the Conference to wisely and earnestly look after the children. Bishop Lee called attention to the ensuing work of the Conference.

The members of the Allegheny District presented Presiding Elder Rev. Cornelius Asbury, D. D., with a suit of clothes. Rev. P. A. Scott made a very neat and appropriate presentation speech. Dr. Asbury upon receiving the same, responded modestly and eloquently. The Conference then adjourned, benediction by Bishop Salter.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY SERVICES.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 10, 1897.

Services commenced at 10.30 a. m., Bishop Lee presiding. Bishop Turner announced hymn 259, "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove." After prayer by Bishop Turner, the choir sang "Trusting Jesus That Is All." Dr. S. T. Mitchell read for the Scripture lesson Matt. 13:31-49. Rev. C. T. Shaffer, D. D., conducted the ritual services. The choir sang sweetly, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Bishop Lee then introduced Bishop H. M. Turner to preach the ordination sermon. He chose for his text Matt. 13:33—"Another parable spake He unto them: the kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." He said in part: "Christ did not simply come to earth to die—to pass through a vicarious death for the salvation of the world; but he came as a teacher—as a messenger of love and mercy. The violation of the law is death. Law knows no mercy or pity. Grand and stupendous was the gift of Christ who came down to earth and became the seed of a woman, the only seed of a woman, for every body else is the seed of man.

Christ as a teacher went about doing good. He gave His life for others. His was not a religion centered in self. The Lord's prayer is a symbol of the idea of Christ's religion. Christianity is going to snatch this world from sin and ruin. The leaven will leaven the whole lump. Nature is coming to the aid of religion. Our text sets forth the kingdom—the beginning of a new dispensation, the kingdom of Grace. How significant, "Like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." A woman's duty in the home, in the world, in the Scriptures. She is represented as the church—that which saves. The leaven, that mysterious something, that mighty force, that wonder to man—entering into all life. Regeneration is the new birth—it extends to both soul and body. "O, the destiny of the soul." The world looks to you, young men, as the representatives of the race. By reason of the ignoble position we occupy in the world, we have got to wring recognition from the world by merit. The demand for great preachers is upon us. Africa is waiting for you. Study to be great men as well as good men. Your opportunities are great."

Dr. D. S. Bentley led in prayer, after which a collection was lifted amounting to $28.43.

ORDINATIONS.—The following Ordinations took place:—First, that of Deacons, to act in the local capacity: Brothers Cyrus Young, James Lawson and Bowman Scott were duly ordained by Bishop Lee, assisted by Bishop Turner; presented by Revs. D. F. Caliman, P. A. Scott and I. B. Till, B. D., Brother S. B.

Morris was re-obligated deacon. Second, that of Elders. Rev. J. P. Wallace was duly ordained elder by Bishop Lee, assisted by Bishop Turner, Revs. W. H. Brown, R. H. Morris, Dr. C. Asbury, Dr. D. S. Bentley, J. W. Riley, Dr. C. T. Shaffer and R. H. Bumry. Brothers Harry J. Williams and Thomas J. Smith were re-obligated elders to act in a local capacity.

Dr. C. T. Shaffer consecrated the communion, then followed a most precious communion of the Lord's Supper. This very inspiring and helpful service then closed with the doxology and benediction by Bishop H. M. Turner.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Memorial services were held at 3.30 p. m., Bishop Lee presiding. Bishop Salter announced the hymn. Following singing Rev. J. W. Jeffries led in prayer. Mr. Heath sweetly sang, "We'll Never Say Good-bye." Rev. B. Wheeler then proceeded to read the report on Memoirs, as follows:—

Rev. Bishop and Conference:—We, your Committee on Memorials, most respectfully submit the following: We bow in humble submission to the allwise dispensation of Almighty God in the removal by death of one of the most distinguished leaders and thinkers of the Christian church.

Bishop James Crawford Embry, twenty-fifth Bishop of the A. M. E. church, was born in Knox county, Indiana., November 2, 1831; died in the city of Philadelphia, August 11, 1897, in the 63rd year of his age. In the death of Bishop Embry the church has lost one of its ablest preachers. He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and many precious souls have been saved through his ministry. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties in all the offices his church called him to serves. He was a man of far-seeing executive ability. As a business manager in our publishing house he had no superiors up till the expiration of his term. As a scholar he was second to none in our church. In evidence of his scholarly attainments he has given us important books, the merits of which we are proud of. Therefore we feel that we can illy afford the loss of one so eminently useful in our church. We trust his noble life will inspire our young men in the ministry to follow his Godly example.

Whereas, The church has lost in the death of Bishop James Crawford Embry one of its ablest exponents of the gospel of Christ.

Whereas, The A. M. E. church has been bereft of one of its leading thinkers and ablest writers and efficient administrators. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we mourn this sad bereavement, we bow in humble submission to Almighty God, knowing that he doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we extend to his beloved children our heartfelt sympathy and ever pray that God's blessing may ever rest upon them through the pathway of life and that a copy of these resolutions be sent them by the committee on publication.

We also lament the death of William G. Ralph, our beloved father in the Gospel. Rev. William Camahel Ralph was born in Uniontown, Fayette county, Pa., May 8, 1810. He was converted in 1828 at a campmeeting held by Rev. Thomas Lawrence and Samuel Cligman. He was licensed to exhort by Rev. Fayette Davis, and licensed to preach by Rev. Augustus R. Green. He rose by his own unaided and unwearied exertions to fill a bright page in the Christian ministry. His labors in the gospel were signally blessed in the conversion of many precious souls. He filled the following important appointments, namely, Marietta, Ohio; Steubenville, Ohio; Youngstown, Ohio; Uniontown circuit, Pa.; Brownville circuit, Pa.; Altoona, Pa.; Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Sewickley, Pa.; Bloomsburg, Pa., and Clarksburg, W. Va. In all these appointments his labors were signally blessed. He was one of the pioneers of the African Methodist Episcopal church in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. His Christian traits next claim our attention. He was not satisfied with a superficial work of religion, but he realized a thorough change of heart through the sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit. He loved God, his church, his family and his brethren. His home was a Christian home, where the altar of divine worship was erected. The name of William G. Ralph stands forth as synonymous with all that is honest, sincere and manly. A life deserving of the highest encomium, that has filled important offices and has been faithful in them all. Long, long shall we remember the warm affection and genial friendship of our departed father in the gospel. He was first married to Miss Mary Scott. His second marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth Steward and his third marriage was to Mrs. Emma Cook. He leaves two daughters, a number of grand and great grandchildren and a beloved wife to mourn his demise. In 1883 Brother Ralph asked for a superannuated relation to the Conference but he did not cease to labor for the salvation of his fellowmen. He died as he had lived, in the triumph of faith and closed his eyes in death on the 15th of February, 1897, and has gone to a blessed beyond to receive his reward from the hand of his blessed Saviour.

WHEREAS, In the death of our beloved father in the gospel, the church has lost a faithful exponent of the gospel.

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Pittsburg Conference, feel most keenly the loss of the fatherly counsel and Godly advice of William G. Ralph. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we prayerfully submit to the allwise ruling of our heavenly father and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his

beloved wife and children and ever pray that the blessings of our heavenly father may rest upon them.

We condole the loss of our beloved brethren who have suffered sad bereavement in their families during this Conference year. Rev. George W. Webster was bereaved of his beloved wife on August 27, 1897, after several years of severe affliction and patient suffering. She was born in Rockingham county, Va., in 1832, and departed this life at the age of 65 years. Rev. Louis A. Barber, also mourns the sad loss of a beloved wife and a dear child within the last year. Rev. H. G. Thomas suffered the loss of an aged father who was snatched from his dear family by the ruthless hand of death. Death also visited the family circle of Rev. George G. Skinner and has taken from them a beloved daughter-in-law and they are left in sadness to mourn their demise.

Whereas, Death has entered homes of beloved brethren and has taken therefrom dear ones and have caused their hearts to be sad. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our profound and heartfelt sympathy and commend them to our heavenly father who bindeth up the broken heart and comforts in the time.

JOHN W. GAZAWAY, Chairman,
CORNELIUS ASBURY,
B. WHEELER,

R. H. Morris read a memorial respecting the life and character of Rev. J. M. Morris, as follows:

East Pittsburg, Pa., October 10, 1897.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church:

Dear Brethren:—We are called to chronicle the death of another comrade and brother in the ministerial ranks of our Conference. The Rev. Jeremiah M. Morris, who was born near Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, in the year 1840. He departed this life July 22, 1897, at the age of 56 years, at his charge in New Haven, Pa. He died in the triumph of faith. He was converted at Carthagenia, O., at the age of 18 years and under the pastoral charge of Rev. Richard Hagan was licensed to preach. He was a very studious young man and seeing the necessity of fitting himself for the ministry he left his home and went to Springfield, O., and there became the janitor of Wittenberg College and finally a student of the same institution and completed a course in theology; after which he joined the Ohio Conference in 1871 and was transferred to the Pittsburg Conference and sent to the Monongahela circuit. Here he married Miss Rebecca Wallace and they spent many happy years together. He was then sent to Oil City circuit, and from there he went to Scranton circuit. He served each of

those appointments with credit. From Scranton he was sent to Wheeling, W. Va. From there he went back to Oil City, then to Meadville circuit. He was then sent to Canonsburg circuit, then to Brown Chapel, Allegheny City, then to Wylie Avenue church, Pittsburg, then to Uniontown, Pa., then back to Canonsburg, then to East End, Pittsburg, then he went back for the third time to Canonsburg, then back to E. E. Pittsburg, then to Washington, Pa., to Bridgewater circuit, to Brownsville, Pa., to Homestead, and from Homestead he went to his last appointment which was New Haven, Pa., where he died at his post, on the 22nd of July, 1897. Rev. Jeremiah M. Morris was an earnest and able expounder of the gospel of Jesus Christ; he was beloved by all the brethren of the Conference. There was not a brother in the Conference who would do more to oblige a brother than Rev. Jeremiam M. Morris. He was an obliging companion and effectionate father. He leaves a loving wife and an only daughter with a host of friends to mourn his loss. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Jeremiah M. Morris the Pittsburg Annual Conference has lost an able preacher and a beloved Christian brother. Be it further

Resolved, That we bow with humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and believing that our loss is his infinite gain, and that we condole with the bereaved widow and daughter in this their time of sore affliction and that we commend them to Him who doeth all things for the best.

R. H. MORRIS,
Committee.

The choir feeling sang, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River." Rev. Brown spoke appropriate words of the life and character of Rev. J. M. Morris. Bishop Lee introduced Bishop Salter, who paid a fitting and glowing tribute to the memory and life of the late Rt. Rev. James Crawford Embry. Rev. C. Asbury, D. D., being introduced delivered an appropriate and impressive eulogy with reference to the life and memory of W. G. Ralph.

Dr. T. W. Henderson paid a loving and pathetic tribute to the memory of his "best friend," Bishop Embry. This very impressive and solemn service concluded with singing "Meet Me There When the Storms of Life Are O'er," after which a collection was lifted amounting to $16.96. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Salter.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY EVENING.

Services begun at 7.30 p. m. Rev. Butts offered prayer. Singing, "Saviour More Than Life to Me." Prayer by Rev. J. E. Morris.

Singing, "I Will Guide Thee." Dr. T. W. Henderson announced hymn 696, "That Awful Day Shall Surely Come." Prayer was most fervently offered by Rev. S. P. Williams. The choir then sang, "Lord Jesus I Long to be Whole."

Dr. Henderson then selected St. Mark 8.36—"For what shall it profit a man," and Ezekiel 5.33—"But he who taketh warning shall deliver his soul." Dr. Henderson made a most powerful appeal and nine persons came forward and connected themselves with the church. A collection of $27.74 was raised. Benediction by T. W. Henderson.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 11, 1897.

Conference opened at 9 a. m., Bishop Lee presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Revs. Smothers and M. S. Jones. The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and adopted. Dr. Asbury gave notice at the reading of the journal that he would move for a re-consideration of the vote of the report on condition of Church and Country. "Because," he said, "the report fails to take notice of the most important events respecting the Church and Country. The yellow fever in the south, the great strikes, the Cuban question, the United States' attitude towards the Greeks and the Hawaiin question. The motion was carried. Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., moved that the report be recommitted. The motion was carried.

Rev. C. S. Smith, D. D., secretary of the Sunday School Union, was introduced to the Conference, which responded with a hearty greeting. He congratulated the Conference for having in its bounds one of the most unique and best constructed chapels (referring to the one in which we are assembled.) He said it reflects credit upon the pastor, Rev. W. S. Lowry. Dr. Smith referred to his relation to the Pittsburg Conference sixteen years ago. He said it was, when pastor of the East End Church that he received inspiration respecting the plans of the Sunday School Union. He gave the Conference a rousing speech fraught with eloquence, inspiration and encouragement.

A resolution was submitted by Dr. C. Asbury respecting Dr. C. S. Smith, our visiting Bishop and general officer. (See resolutions.)

Rev. M. M. Moore, D. D., the treasurer of the A. M. E. connection, was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. D. S. Bentley submitted a resolution respecting Bishop Turner. The same was adopted. (See resolutions.)

The following contributions were reported: John Wesley A. M. E. church, $8.38; Carrone St. B. church, $2.00; Rodman St. B.

church, $1.87; Grace Mem. Presbyterian church, $1.00; Green St. B church, $1.60; Christian Temperance Union, 10 cents. Wylie Avenue, Euclid Avenue, Pittsburg and Brown Chapel, Allegheny, reported dollar money and contingent money.

Report of special committee respecting the matter between Rev. W. H. Brown and J. P. Stephens, was made by Rev. G. C. Sampson, as follows:

Bishops and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:—We, your committe appointed to investigate and harmonize the differences existing between Revs. W. H. Brown and J. P. Stephens, report that after calling both brothers before us, with all letters and papers, and listening to all they had to say, we dismissed them and counselled over the matter and and reached the conclusion that the difference was of such a nature that it could be easily adjusted if the brethren were of Christ's planting, and we are glad to say to you we believe they are, for both of them had letters against each other affirming a thing to be a fact and the same person denies the statement over their own names. We dismiss the affidavits because Brother Brown had not been notified concerning them. We therefore thought best to bring the brothers face to face, who after a short consultation settled the matter satisfactorily. We trust in all future the brethren will feel that they and their God can settle these things without bothering the Conference.

B. WHEELER,
J. H. BELL,
C. A. McGEE,
R. H. BUMRY,
GEORGE C. SAMPSON,

A resolution respecting contributions from city churches was submitted by Rev. S. P. West, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Carone St., Rodman St., and Greene St. Baptist churches; the John Wesley A. M. E. Z. church, the Grace Memorial Presbyterian church and the Christian Temperance Union Mission have shown themselves to be kindly disposed toward our Conference and church and willing to help us, as is manifested from the substantial aid contributed to the contingent department of our work. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That we do tender to them a vote of thanks for their assistance.

S. P. WEST,
J. W. RILEY.

A resolution respecting the establishing of a sister scholarship for Wilberforce was presented by Rev. R. H. Bumry, as follows:

Resolved, That all money not otherwise provided for be appro-

priated for a sister scholarship in Wilberforce, and that a committee be appointed to select said person or persons.

R. H. BUMRY,
P. A. SCOTT.

The committee submitted a report with reference to complaints against Rev. Hutchinson Johnson. By motion the report was received. After some discussion a motion prevailed to refer the whole matter to a special committee. Revs. J. H. Bell, S. B. Williams and D. S. Bentley were appointed to constitute the committee. After the adjusting of some overlooked matters, the Conference adjourned, benediction by Dr. H. T. Johnson.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2.15 p. m., Bishop Lee in the chair. After devotional services the following were appointed a committee for the sister scholarship:—Revs. R. H. Bumry, C. A. McGee, Richard Brown.

Rev. Fenderson, of the A. M. E. Z. church, Allegheny, Pa., contributed to the Conference $2.00.

The secretary read the following statement:

Finance Department of the A. M. E. Church, 1535
Fourteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., Oct. 7, 1897.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:—May the peace which passeth all understanding rest upon you. Greeting.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—We write you full of gratitude for the noble work you have done during the last fiscal year. We are full of hope for a brighter future. At the beginning of the last fiscal year we asked for one hundred thousand dollars. We did not get that sum, but we came within seven thousand dollars, and instead of being discouraged, we are proud to announce to you, that the dollar collection of the A. M. E. church for the year ending April, 1897, was $93,868.92. Of this amount the financial secretary received $50,689.24; the Annual Conferences have disbursed $33,792.81, and the Church Extension Society has received $9,386.89.

This dollar collection, although not a hundred thousand doldollars, proves that the increase of the first year of the present quadrennium, is more than $14,000 over that of the first fiscal year of the preceding quadrennium. This increase shows also that the members of our great organization are more zealous for the upbuilding of African Methodism. Not even a pessimist could find words of discouragement.

We ask again for $100,000. The "Old First District" has shown her confidence in the willingness and ability of the church to raise this sum, by increasing her dollar collection by one thousand dollars. The Western Conferences which met in September have willingly followed her lead, and have given a remarkable increase.

Should I succeed in animating you with some of the hope and confidence that I possess, the hundred thousand dollars is already secured. I send for distribution among the members of the Conference my Annual Report, hoping that the information therein contained, as to the strides we are making along a financial line, will satisfy and allay every doubt you may have entertained of this grand old church of ours.

One hundred thousand dollars, brethren, for the glory of God and for African Methodism. Yours in brotherly love.

M. M. MOORE, Financial Secretary.

Rev. M. M. Moore, D. D., was presented to the Conference, who made a very instructive and interesting speech full of cheer and good hope respecting the financial department. The same was heartily received.

President Mitchell, of Wilberforce University, submitted the report of the judges on the essays read at the Historical Literary society. (See Literary Minutes.) On motion that the Historical Literary society be allowed one hour tomorrow evening to transact its business, and Dr. H. T. Johnson be invited to address the society. The motion was carried.

The Methodist Preachers' Association, to wit:—Revs. Kincaid, C. A. Davis, W. B. Fenderson, Foreman Jones and M. B. Lanier, were introduced. Rev. Lanier delivered a pleasing address in behalf of the association.

At this juncture the Conference adjourned and the Women's Mite society convened, after which Conference resumed business.

The Conference roll was called and the Conference Mite Missionary collection taken up as follows, each member paying fifty cents: Mrs. Mary E. Lee, Mrs. Emma Brown, Mrs. Emma Young, Mrs. Liddia Lowry, Mrs. H. A. Grant, Mrs. W. C. Goens, Mrs. Della Woodson, Mrs. Anna L. Honesty, Mrs. Henrietta Eaton, Mrs. Mary Henderson, Mrs. E. L. Morris, Mrs. Anna E. Stephens, Mrs. Amanda Skinner, Mrs. Anna T. Davis, Mrs. Susan Lewis, Mrs. Nancy Tanner, Mrs. Eliza Jones, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Jeffries, Mrs. Maggie B. Till, Mrs. Cornelia D. Scott, Mrs. M. A. Sampson, Mrs. Melvina Norris, Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, Mrs. Mary J. Webster, Mrs. Arena Askew, Mrs. Jennie Bumry, Mrs. Martha Palmer, Mrs. S. A. Wright, Mrs. Elizabeth Christian, Mrs. V. M. Caliman, Mrs. Marie Smothers, Mrs. Frances E. Taylor, Mrs. Ada McKnight, Mrs. Rebecca J. Smith, 25 cts., Mrs. Kate Thomas, Mrs. Gay McGee, Mrs. Nancy J. Tanner, Rev. J. P. Wallace, Mrs. Emma

B. Waldon, Rev. J. W. Riley, Rev. Sylvester Burrill, Mrs. M. M. Simmons, Mrs. Arlinne Newsome, Mrs. Martha E. Turner, Mrs. Francis Palmer, Rev. L. A. Barber, Rev. J. W. Hayse, Mrs. M. E. Miller, Mary Garner, C. C. Brown, W. E. Bowser, Sarah West, Cora Green, Margaret Morris, Aric A. Butts, S. A. Bentley. Total, $28.40; public collection, $8.68; total, $37.08.

The Bishop stated that the evening session would be utilized by Prof. C. F. Richings' lecture. The Conference then adjourned, benediction by Rev. S. P. West.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pittsburg, October 12, 1897.

Conference opened at 9 a. m., Bishop Lee presiding. Rev. W. N. Young conducted the devotional exercises. The minutes were read, corrected and adopted. The roll of the Mite Missionary society was called and eighteen names were added. Amount taken, $8.75. (See roll.) It was ordered by motion that the minutes of the Mite Missionary meeting be printed in the Conference journal. Rev. R. Tanner reported $2.40 as additional contingent money.

Bishop W. J. Gaines, D. D., was introduced, who made remarks full of encouragement and inspiration.

A resolution relative to Payne Theological Seminary was submitted by Rev. H. A. Grant, as follows:

WHEREAS, The thought of this nation has been directed during all its history by its educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, As civilization has advanced it has only kept pace with the growth and development of these institutions of learning,

AND WHEREAS, Everywhere we meet with the influences of these institutions of learning.

Resolved, That we the members of the Pittsburg Annual A. M. E. Conference will renew our efforts and pledges to assist Payne Theological Seminary and Wilberforce University.

Resolved, That we shall do so because never before has so much been demanded of the preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are to bring the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ into the darkness of the world: they must know the darkness, they must understand the light. They must be trained so to present the truth that the mind may grasp it and be moved by it to action and work in the service of Christ.

Resolved, That we return to the speakers of this occasion a vote of thanks for their addresses on the subject of education.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to lift during the year at each preaching point in the Conference a special collection for Payne Theological Seminary.

H. A. GRANT.
R. M. HENDERSON.

The roll was then called and subscriptions for Payne Theological Seminary were taken as follows:

	Cash Paid.	Subscription.
Bishop B. F. Lee	$15 00	$25 00
Bishop H. M. Turner	15 00	
Bishop M. B. Salters	.....	25 00
Mrs. Bishop Salters	.....	25 00
Dr. H. T. Johnson	.....	5 00
C. Asbury	.....	25 00
W. H. Brown	5 00	25 00
J. W. Riley	.....	5 00
J. W. Gasway	.....	20 00
W. S. Lowery	15 00	25 00
H. A. Grant	.....	5 00
C. N. Woodson	.....	5 00
J. W. Hayes	.....	5 00
G. G. Skinner	30	5 00
C. Garner	4 00	5 00
R. H. Morris	10 00	15 00
J. W. Jeffries	2 00	7 00
P. A. Scott	60	10 00
T. A. Green	30	5 00
J. P. Stephens	30	5 00
G. C. Sampson	.....	10 00
J. J. Norris	30	10 00
T. J. Askew	2 50	5 00
J. P. Q. Walace	.....	5 00
T. A. J. West	15	2 50
R. H. Bumry	.....	10 00
C. Wright	1 00	7 00
S. Christian	1 30	4 00
D. G. Cole	.....	5 00
D. F. Caliman	7 00	15 00
W. C. Goens	2 00	5 00
S. C. Honesty	1 00	5 00
R. M. Henderson	3 00	5 00
J. W. Brown	30	5 00
O. T. Davis	30	5 00
C. N. Butts	.....	5 00
S. A. Lewis	30	5 00
R. Tanner	3 00	5 00
F. D. Taylor	1 00	5 00
I. B. Till	.....	7 00
S. P. West	.....	5 00
C. A. McGee	1 50	25 00
G. W. Webster	4 00	5 00
A. R. Palmer	30	5 00
B. Wheeler	.....	5 00
D. Newsome	15	8 50
S. B. Morris	.....	5 00
H. J. Williams	.....	2 00
Mrs. M. Smothers	2 54	5 00
L. A. Barber	.....	2 00
Eli McKnight	.....	2 50
Hattie Solomon	5 00	5 00
R. Brown	60	5 00
J. E. Morris	.....	5 00
D. S. Bentley	.....	10 00
J. H. Bell	.....	5 00
T. J. Simmons	.....	5 00
W. B. Peirson and wife	.....	20 00
W. A. Palmer	.....	45 00
P. W .Donce	.....	5 00
T. J. Smith	.....	5 00
Rev. H. B. Parks	.....	10 00
Peter Bowman	.....	5 00

	Cash Paid.	Subscription.
B. H. Lee	.....	5 00
L. H. Wright, Canonsburg, Pa	.....	5 00
W. A. Henry, Uniontown, Pa	.....	5 00
Miss Mary E. Botts, 819 Farragut St., E. E., Pittsburg,	.....	5 00
Mr. Clarence Blue, Morgantown, W. Va	.....	5 00
Mrs. Mary White, Connellsville	.....	5 00
Mrs. Caleb Payne, 110 S. St. Clair St., E. E. Pittsburg,	.....	5 00
Mrs. Mary White, Connellsville	.....	3 00
Mrs. Henrietta Jones, 34 Fisk St., Allegheny, Pa	.....	5 00
Miss Frances A. Riley, 122 Sheridan St., E. E., Pgh	.....	2 00
Mrs. R. Alridge, Belt Hover St	.....	5 00
Mrs. Mary E. Miller, Wilkinsburg, Pa	.....	5 00
Emma E. Wilson, 383 Rebecca St., Allegheny, Pa	.....	1 00
Mrs. (Rev.) S. A. Wright	.....	5 00
Miss M. L. Frazier, Allegheny City, Creighton	.....	1 00
Miss C. E. Baker, Washington, Pa	.....	5 00
C. H. Arnel	1 40	5 00
Mrs. R. Paul	.....	5 00
Mrs. L. Saunders, Eva	.....	5 00
Mrs. R. Aldrige	1 00	5 00
Rev. W. N. Young	1 00	4 00
Total Subscription		$603 40

W. H. BROWN, Chairman,
W. S. LOWRY,
C. A. ASBURY, D. D.

The committee reported respecting Rev. H. Johnson, as follows:

Pittbsurg, October 11, 1897.

We, your committee to whom was referred a review of the case of Rev. Hutchinson Johnson, submit the following:

We have examined the findings of the committee which suspended him, December 27, 1896, and judge him to be guilty of gross immorality.

J. H. BELL,
S. B. WILLIAMS,
D. S. BENTLEY.

On motion, the same was adopted.

"Try Us, O God, and Search the Ground," etc., was sung by the Conference. The roll was called and the Conference passed on the character of its members. All passed except Rev. T. A. J. West, marked by Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace; Rev. E. Bazier, marked by Rev. J. W. Riley, and Rev. A. R. Palmer, Rev. G. B. Knox, marked by Rev. W. S. Lowry; Rev. H. Johnson, marked by W. H. Brown.

By motion, it was voted that Rev. Hutchinson Johnson be expelled from the Conference.

Rev. J. M. Palmer, of the Philadelphia Annual Conference, was introduced, after which the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. C. S. Smith.

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 12, 1897.

Conference re-convened at 2.30, Bishop W. J. Gomes in the chair. Rev. C. H. Arnold conducted devotional exercises. "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" was sung.

The secretary read the financial report from Clarksbury, W. Va., Rev. W. H. Pride, pastor, and a letter from Rev. Pride containing greetings and regrets of absence on account of sickness.

Rev. Pride asks the Conference to grant him a supernumerary relation to the Conference. On motion by Rev. Richard Brown that Rev. W. H. Pride be granted a superannuary relation, which was carried.

Rev. Dr. Bentley called at attention to the Book Stewards' account. The report was submitted as follows and adopted:

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF 1896.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

	No.	Value.	Exp.	Am't.
Bishop and General Officers	24	$3 60		
Wylie Avenue	50	7 50		$7 50
Euclid Avenue	35	5 25		5 25
Altoona	14	2 10	$ 30	1 80
Williamsport	50	7 25	50	7 00
Scranton	24	3 60	50	3 10
Wilkesbarre	24	3 60	50	3 10
New Haven	15	2 25	25	2 50
Bellefonte	14	2 10	3 00	1 80
Braddock	12	1 80	25	1 45
Lewistown	10	1 50	30	1 20
Philipsburg	13	1 95	30	1 65
Bedford	10	1 50	25	1 10
Montrose	12	1 80	40	1 25
Bloomsburg	9	1 35		
Scottdale	10	1 50		1 50
Homestead	12	1 80	25	1 55
Tyrone	10	1 50	25	1 25
Milton	9	1 35	25	1 10
Lock Haven	10	1 50	35	1 15
Greensburg	12	1 80		1 80

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	45	6 75	25	6 50
Chartiers Street	28	4 20		4 05
South Side	25	3 75		3 75
Monongahela	19	2 85	25	2 60
Brownsville	17	1 95	25	70
Uniontown	20	3 00	35	2 65
New Brighton	14	2 10	25	1 85
Meadville and Erie	33	5 05	70	4 55
Franklin	14	2 10		2 10
Oil City	20	3 00	60	2 40
Elizabeth	17	2 55	35	2 20
Bridgewater	8	1 20		1 20
Bradford	15	2 25	25	2 00
West Newton	11	1 65	25	1 50
Bellevue	7	1 05		
Charleroi	13	1 95	25	1 70
Sewickley	10	1 50		1 50

	No.	Value.	Exp.	Am't.
McKeesport	12	1 80	25	1 55
Bellevernon	9	1 35	25	1 10
Olean	6	90		90
Findleyville	6	90		

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Rev. Riley, P. E.	25	3 75		
Wheeling	24	3 60	25	3 40
Washington	40	6 00		6 00
Canonsburg	30	4 50	25	4 15
Waynesburg	15	2 25	25	1 85
Clarksburg	15	2 25		
Morgantown	9	1 35	45	95
Boone	9	1 35		
West Middletown	14	2 10	25	1 90
Beverly	9	1 35		
Weston	9	1 35	45	90
Sistersville	4	60		60
Mannington	4	60		
McGovern	4	60	25	35
Charleston	3	45	15	30
Ceredo	4	60		
Bishop Lee	15	2 25		
Total amount received this year				$121 55

RECAPITULATION.

In hand at last report		$121 35
Collected since		121 55
Total		$242 90
Paid to the A. M. E. Book Concern for minutes	$120 00	
Mailing, etc.	3 75	
Amount in hand		$119 15

D. S. BENTLEY.

Rev. W. H. Brown, submitted Report on Rearrangement of the Work, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference:—

1. We recommend that the districts remain as they are.
2. That Pitts ton be attached to Mount Rose circuit.
3. That Duquesne be attached to Homestead.
4. That Muncy be detached from Milton circuit and attached to Lock Haven circuit.
5. That Bloomsburg and Danville be attached to Milton circuit.
6. That Scottdale and Irving be known as Scottdale Mission.
7. That Meadville and Erie be detached and made stations.

W. H. BROWN,
C. ASBURY,
C. A. McGEE.

Dr. D. S. Bentley made a strong plea in behalf of the Wheeling District, setting forth the necessity of better support by adding two or three charges from the other districts. Rev. R. M. Bumry voiced the sentiments of Dr. Bentley. Rev. W. S. Lowry stated that it would work detriment to the Conference to reduce either of the other districts but favored a contribution from the different churches to assist the work in the Wheeling district. Rev. W. H. Brown made an earnest plea for the maintenance of the work as it now exists.

Dr. Bentley stated that "if the Conference was willing to make a contribution out of its funds to make up the allowance, payable quarterly, we make no further fight, but if not we ask for Uniontown and Brownsville.

Rev. T. J. Askew made a strong and earnest plea in behalf of the small places, believing that the presiding elder would get a better support if these were better looked after.

Rev. G. C. Sampson stated that he was in favor of the work remaining as it is, but that appropriations be made. The report was then voted on and adopted.

By motion the Conference went into Preachers' Aid society.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

East End Pittsburg, Pa., October 12, 1897.

The Preachers' Aid Society of the Pittsburg Conference met in its regular annual meeting with President R. H. Bumry in the chair. The roll was called and the members paid their annual dues of $1.00. After the communication of Rev. W. H. Coston, Rev. S. P. West moved that all communications be referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, treasurer, presented his annual report, which was adopted, as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Preachers' Aid Society:—I beg leave to submit this my Seventh Annual Report:

While we praise God that so many of us have been spared to meet and greet each other, yet it is true that there has been more sickness among us than ever before in our history as an organization. We are sad to have to chronicle the death of Rev. J. M. Morris who was so dear to all our hearts and who departed this life at his home in New Haven, July 22, 1897.

The following brethren in conformity with the laws of the Society sent to the treasurer the dollar which was due:—Rev. A. Smothers, Rev. C. A. McGee, Rev. G. C. Sampson, Rev. B. W. Wheeler, Rev. D. S. Bentley.

The sum of $50.00 which was loaned to Bishop B. W. Arnett, has been returned to the treasury, less 25 cents which was the cost of cashing a check.

The following orders were drawn and paid during the year: W. H. Pride, $12.00; W. N. Young, $15.00; G. G. Skinner, $15.00; A. R. Palmer, $6.00; total, $48.00. Balance on hand from last year, $193.68; received in death assessments, $5.00. Balance on hand from last year, $150.68. Received this year dues and death assessments, $85.25. Paid in sick dues the following: Rev. G. G. Skinner, $10.90; Rev. C. H. Arnold, $12.00; Rev. W. H. Coston, $3.00; to charity, $9.90; to Sister Morris, $47.00; Total balance in the treasury, $163.03.

Amount collected from annual dues	$ 51 00
From death assessment, Rev. J. M. Morris	34 25
Total	$85 25
Balance in treasury from 1896	193 68
Grand total	$278 93
Special sent by brethren for charity purposes	9 90
	$288 83

GEORGE C. SAMPSON, Treasurer.

On motion of W. S. Lowry that the matter of loaning money by Rev. Sampson to Rev. Waldon be referred to the Executive Committee.

Motion of Dr. Bentley that the present officers be re-elected. Motion lost.

The report was referred to an auditing committee on motion of W. H. Palmer. The committee was as follows: Revs. W. H. Palmer, R. H. Morris and J. W. Riley.

The society went into nomination for President. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, P. A. Scott; Vice President, T. J. Askew; Secretary, I. B. Till; Treasurer, G. C. Sampson.

Motion of Dr. Asbury that the Treasurer be elected after the books are audited.

In the case of Rev. Eaten claiming sick benefits, the committee demands the doctor's certificate.

Motion to adjourn to meet Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, October 13, 1897.

The Preachers' Aid Society convened with President Bumry in the chair. Devotional exercises by Rev. Cole. The report of the Executive Committee was submitted and on motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

On motion of Rev. McKnight that the society loan Rev. R. Brown $10.00. Motion lost.

The report of the Auditing Committee was submitted and adopted. A committee consisting of Revs. Palmer, McKnight and

Askew was appointed to adjust the financial matter between Revs. Waldon and Sampson. On motion of Dr. Bentley that instead of the amount being taken out of the Preachers' Aid treasury, that a collection be taken to help Brother Sampson pay the balance of nine dollars borrowed from Brother Sampson.

On motion Conference adjourned.

R. H. BUMRY, President.
J. W. JEFFRIES, Secretary.

EXECUTIVE BOARD'S REPORT.

East End Pittsburg, October 13, 1897.

Dear Brethren:—We, the members of the Executive Board of the Preachers' Aid Society, desire to submit our report.

We have had under our notice the claims of the following brethren, Revs. W. H. Coston, C. H. Arnold, J. S. Eaton and A. Smothers. Revs. Coston and Arnold's claims being accompanied by doctor's certificates, we have allowed them the following amounts: Rev. W. H. Coston, $3.00; Rev. C. H. Arnold, $12.00.

We also examined the claims of Revs. J. S. Eaton and A. Smothres and for want of the doctor's certificates we could not grant them.

Rev. Richard Brown's petition for a loan of $10.00 was considered but after consideration we could not see how we could grant such a request, knowing that we had no power to grant it.

Rev. W. S. Lowry presented Rev. G. G. Skinner's case of severe sickness during the past year before our board. His statement was as follows: On the 8th of last March, 1897, Rev. G. G. Skinner's illness was of such a nature as demanded immediate action on the part of the preachers around and about Pittsburg to save his life. A council of ministers was called in Wylie Avenue church and steps taken to have him placed in the West Penn hospital. In order to accomplish that, four of the brethren drew up a note and signed it and borrowed $50.00. This action we believe saved Brother Skinner's life and restored him to health. $10.90 is still due on this note. We recommend that the Preachers' Aid pay off the balance on said note.

R. H. MORRIS,
W. S. LOWRY,
RICHARD TANNER,
Executive Committee,

To the President and Members of the Preachers' Aid Society: — We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to submit our report. We have examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct as represented by him; every cent being accounted for and in the treasury.

W. H. PALMER, M. D.,
JOHN W. RILEY,
R. H. MORRIS,

In memory of Julia Ringwood Coston, daughter of Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Julia R. Coston, who departed this life November, 1896, in the ninth year of her age.

"She was pure and sweet,
But heaven claimed the flower."
Goodbye darling, 'till day breaks.

After which Conference resumed business. Bishop Lee made announcements respecting ensuing sessions. Conference adjourned with benediction by W. H. Brown.

SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened at 8 p. m., Bishop W. J. Gaines presiding. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Bell, who announced hymn 627, "Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound." Prayer by Rev. Bell. Singing by the choir, "O, How I Love Him."

The Historical Literary Society proceeded to transact its business. The roll was called by Secretary J. E. Morris, and each member paid his annual dues of 50 cents as follows: Bishop B. F. Lee, Revs. B. Wheeler, J. J. Norris, G. G. Skinner, S. Christian, R. H. Morris, S. Woodson, J. P. Stephens, A. R. Palmer, J. E. Morris, D. F. Caliman, A. Smothers, S. C. Honesty, R. Tanner, R. M. Henderson, C. A. McGee, D. Newsome, I. B. Till, O. T. Davis, T. A. Green, G. C. Sampson, J. W. Jeffries, J. W. Riley, C. Wright, W. H. Palmer, P. A. Scott, R. Brown, C. Garner, H. A. Grant, W. H. Brown, W. S. Lowry, S. P West, Eli McKnight, R. H. Bunry, J. W. Brown, J. P. Wallace, T. J. Askew, M. S. Jones, J. S. Eaton, J. W. Hayse, D. S. Bentley, G. W. Webster. The following officers were elected: President, Bishop B. F. Lee; Secretary, T. J. Askew, Treasurer, B. Wheeler.

Report of the Board of Censors to the Bishop and Members of the Conference:—We, your Board of Censors, respectfully submit the following report:

We have examined the papers of Revs. Caliman, Palmer, Gazaway, Grant, West, Askew and Morris upon their respective subjects which in our estimation were well worthy of presentation to the Conference. Yours respectively,

D. F. CALIMAN,
P. A. SCOTT,
S. P. WEST,
J. W. RILEY.

Report of Judges on Essays Read at Literary Anniversary of the Pittsburg Conference, October 9, 1897:

To the Bishop and Members of the Conference:—The following is respectfully submitted as the report of the judges:

It is not in the spirit of commonplace flattery that your judges record their appreciation of the papers submitted to their inspection. The excellence of thought, of expression, of delivery, deservedly merits this tribute of commendation and is worthy in the high rank which the Pittsburg Conference holds in the connection of the church and the superior qualities of mind and heart of Him who presides over its deliberations.

The Conference is aware of the difficulty attendant upon reaching a proper decision when two of the papers were not read before you. Your judges, therefore, acting according to their very best judgment, have awarded their first and third prizes to the class composed of those whose presentation was complete, and the second prize is awarded to that class whose papers were simply submitted to the judges without being read. The following is the analysis of the score based on composition, thought, delivery and errors of presentation:

First essayist, Rev. T. J. Askew. Subject, "The Sacrament." Composition, 60; thought, 98; delivery, 80; errors, 10 grade, 80; average 79½. Second essayist, Rev. D. F. Caliman. Subject, "Faith." Composition,, 100; thought, 95; delivery, 89: errors, 6; grade, 88; average, 93. Third essayist, Rev. W. H. Palmer. Subject, "Faith Is the Body of the Material and Spiritual World." Composition, 80; thought, 70; delivery, 90; errors, 8 grade, 84; average, 81½. Fourth essayist, Rev. H. A. Grant. Subject, "Faith." Composition, 98; thought, 96; average, 97. Fifth essayist, Rev. S. P. West, subject, "Godliness." Composition, 90; thought, 94; average, 92.

According to the above analysis your judges award the first prize to Rev. D. F. Caliman, the second to Rev. H. A. Grant and the third prize to Rev. T. J. Askew. In awarding the last prize the judges regard the right of third place forfeited by Rev. Palmer on account of the extemporizing in which he indulged and which the judges regard as inadmissible in the presentation of an essay on paper.

The judges would call the attention of Rev. Askew to the fact that it was grave and frequent errors in composition and pronunciation that marred what was otherwise a literary production of high merit.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SHAFFER,
T. W. HENDERSON,
S. T. MITCHELL.

Mr. President:—We most respectfully submit the following: At the opening of last year's meeting of the society there was in treasury $11.50, received from annual dues, $24.00; total, $38.50. Paid out by order of society for prizes, $15.00; paid to Bishop Lee for Payne Theological Seminary, $13.82; total paid out, $28.82; balance in treasury, $9.68. Received this evening, $20.50; balance on hand, $30.18. B. WHEELER, Treasurer.

It was ordered by motion that the balance remaining in treasury after the prizes were paid for be donated to Payne Theological Seminary. Dr. H. T. Johnson was introduced, who delivered a very pleasing and interesting address. He congratulated the Conference as having in its fold such an organization, a Historical Literary Society. Standing at the connectual forefront as you do is all well enough as far as it goes, but it should inspire you to higher attainments. In comparing the literature of ourselves with that of others, we see that there is yet much to be accomplished. He stated that he appreciated the fact that the society desired to honor and revere the memory of the hero of education, Bishop D. A. Payne.

On motion of Rev. Henry A. Grant that the Society tender a vote of thanks to Dr. Johnson for his excellent address. The motion was adopted by a standing vote.

Miss Mamie Frazier, by request, sang very pleasingly, "The beautiful City."

On motion by Dr. Bentley the Literary Society adjourned and the Missionary Society convened. Bishop H. M. Turner was introduced. He congratulated the Conference on its thoughtful and earnest endeavor. He paid a deserving tribute to the missionary work accomplished by the women. He stated that "The women are the only men we have in this country." We need great teachers, scholars and preachers. He paid a glowing tribute to Africa, its minerals, forests and fine fruits, people, etc. A collection of forty-five cents was lifted. The Society adjourned, benediction by Bishop H. M. Turner.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pittsburg, October 13, 1897.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. Cyrus Young and A. Smothers. The sixth chapter of Hebrews was read. After singing, Brother Young led in prayer. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Rev. R. H. Bumry gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the vote respecting the Report on Rearrangement of the Work. Carried.

Report of the Committee on Dollar Money was submitted by Rev. B. Wheeler. Adopted.

Rev. Bishop and Conference:—We, your Committee on Dollar Money, most respectfully submit the following:

PITTSBURG P. E. DISTRICT.

	Members.	Dollar Money.	Per Cent.
Williamsport	156	$107 25	68
New Haven	93	28 70	30
Altoona	25	16 75	67
Scranton	78	47 00	60
Bedford	23	10 00	43
Huntingdon	6	3 00	50
Braddock	43	22 00	51
Everett	16	80 00	50
Bellefonte	60	50 25	83
Homestead	41	16 50	40
Montrose	20	21 15	105
Milton	18	4 00	22
Duquesne	37	18 00	48
Tyrone	16	11 00	68
Lock Haven	31	16 50	53
Greensburg	27	23 25	82
Wilkesbarre	75	26 75	35
Bethel, Wylie Avenue	500	189 22	37
East End	217	94 25	43
Totals	1482	713 57	49

ALLEGHENY P. E. DISTRICT.

	Members.	Dollar Money.	Per Cent.
Uniontown	166	$ 61 65	37
Monongahela City	105	14 50	13
Charleroi	21	27 05	128
Brownsville	101	32 40	31
South Side	35	13 10	34
New Brighton	52	23 70	45
West Bridgewater	38	20 75	54
Sewickley	29	21 50	74
McKeesport	29	7 00	24
Franklin	29	35 25	121
Bellevernon	21	14 60	69
Olean	18	15 75	82
West Newton	57	29 50	51
Bradford	30	20 10	67
Elizabeth	86	30 00	34
Oil City	111	66 00	59
Philipsburg	26	12 45	47
Chartiers	60	44 00	73
Meadville	70	33 85	48
Brown's Chapel	294	132 40	44
Totals	1378	655 55	47

WHEELING P. E. DISTRICT.

	Members.	Dollar Money.	Per Cent.
Washington	185	$ 64 50	34
Wheeling	48	51 00	105
Canonsburg	151	60 00	39
McGovern	16	10 22	64
Weston	22	10 00	45
Waynesburg	30	15 00	50

	Members	Dollar Money.	Per Cent.
Cereda	16	4 55	28
Parkersburg	10	4 70	47
Charleston	21	7 25	34
Morgantown	34	5 00	20
Clarksburg	51	13 00	25
Totals	609	$256 22	41
Grand total from all districts	3378	$1625 34	48
Increase over last year	$81 75		

Paid Financial Secretary	$876 83	
Paid Church Extension Secretary	162 37	
Conference Per centage	586 14	
		$1625 34
Paid Conference Treasurer	$584 37	
Counterfeit Money	1 00	
Expense of sending money away	77	
		$586 14

CARTER WRIGHT,
A. R. PALMER,
B. WHEELER.

Report of the Committee on Contingent Fund was submitted by Rev. F. D. Taylor as follows and adopted:

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:—We, your Committee on Contingent Money, desire to make our final report.

We have received by cash as follows: From Pittsburg District, $134.98; from Allegheny District, $33.88; from Wheeling District, $12.40; grand total, $181.26.

C. N. WOODSON,
S. A. LEWIS.
F. D. TAYLOR.

Rev. J. P. Wallace made the financial report on Education as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:—We, your Committee on Education, desire to make our financial report. We have received by cash, $19.95; by receipts, $431.13; grand total, $451.08.

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
J. W. GAZAWAY,
J. P. WALLACE.

On motion that the report be adopted as to totals. Carried.

The financial report on Payne Theological Seminary was read and corrected by Rev. W. S. Lowry. President S. T. Mitchell upon retiring, thanked the Conference for assistance rendered Wilberforce. Rev. J. W. Gazaway submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That we will continue the work of organizing Twentieth Century Literary Clubs, and that we will also at some convenient time between the rise of Conference and the first of next May, 1898, unite with the Ohio Conference, the North Ohio Conference and any other Conference, or with a part of the members of any Conference throughout the connection, in taking up our collection on the Sabbath to relieve Payne Theological Seminary of its financial embarrassments.

J. W. GAZAWAY,
CORNELIUS ASBURY,
H. A. GRANT.

Rev. J. P. Wallace submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We feel the great necessity of an educated ministry, and realizing the pulpit must lift up and educate the pew, and inasmuch as a number of the ministers did not take an endowment collection this year. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge the brethren who did not take an endowment collection to do so within thirty days after Conference.

Resolved, That we will double our efforts next year for the cause of education and Endownment Day.

J. W. JEFFRIES,
J. P. WALLACE,
P. A. SCOTT.

Revs. H. G. Thomas and A. R. Palmer, being subpoenaed by court, were excused.

Rev. W. S. Lowry, Conference Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference in 30th Annual Session convened, Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

Your treasurer begs leave to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Bible money	$ 26 10
Contingent	125 60
Dollar money	555 03
Educational	96 38
Note Xenia Bank	7 00
Second note Xenia Bank	15 00
S. P. West	7 25
Mite Missionary (Special)	19 98
Church Missionary	213 74
Conference mite money	32 32
Mite Missionary	23 17
Church Extension	9 10
Sunday School Union	3 50
Grand Total	**$1,134 17**

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Conference Orders	$1,012 95	
By Special Order Church Extension	9 10	
By Special Order Sunday School Union	3 50	
By Special Order Mite Missionary Treasury	55 49	
By Special Order Margaret Evans	22 00	
By Special Order Bible Cause Money	26 00	
By Special Order to Elijah Bazier	5 00	
Grand Total		$1,134 04
Balance in Treasury		$ 13

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. LOWRY, Treasurer.

By motion it was voted that Rev. W. S. Lowry be the Conference Treasurer. Rev. R. H. Bumry submitted Report on Sister Scholarship, as follows:

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:—Dear Brethren:—We, your committee on the selection of a person or persons for the sister scholarship for Wilberforce submit the following report:

We recommend for full scholarship Miss Bessie Morris, daughter of the late J. M. Morris and $30.00 on the scholarship of Miss Bessie Grant, of West Virginia. Respectfully submittted,

R. BROWN,
C. A. McGEE,
R. H. BUMRY.

The report was adopted.

It was ordered by motion that 36 per cent. of $534.37 of Dollar Money be turned over to Conference treasurer.

It was ordered by motion that the $148.16 contingent money be turned over to Conference treasurer.

By motion it was voted to turn the Bible Cause Money, $26.34, over to Conference treasurer.

It was ordered by motion that $145.85, Payne Theological Seminary money, be turned over to Conference treasurer.

By motion it was ordered that $280.22, missionary money, and $66.67, Mite Missionary, be turned over to Conference Treasurer.

Church Extension financial report was submitted, and $2.37 was ordered into the hands of treasurer. It was voted to turn $2.37 of Sunday School Union over to C. S. Smith.

The conference then adjourned, benediction by Rev. J. M. Palmer.

SEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 2.30 p. m., Bishop Lee presiding. The summary of local statistics was duly considered and corrected.

A resolution respecting the District Circular was submitted by Rev. R. Brown and adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Pittsburg Conference, have been greatly benefited by the Circular edited by Bishop B. F. Lee,

AND WHEREAS, It has kept us in touch with all churches in the Third Episcopal District,

AND WHEREAS, It has been a great help to our work, keeping us informed along the line of churches and thus giving life and inspiration to all. Therefore be it

Resolved, We will do all we can to broaden the circulation of this paper.

Resolved, That we will place the Circular in the hands of all of our members that they may have a better knowledge of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. McGEE,
RICHARD BROWN.

Resolution respecting the annual sermon by Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace, submitted by Rev. T. J. Askew. The same was adopted.

WHEREAS, In all ages of the world the product of great minds having been spread upon the pages of history have proven to be great light houses in the scientific and literary world, that by which, those of succeeding ages have been guided to the most transcendent heights of fame, honor and renown, by which they have been enabled to wield their influence upon the world for good.

AND WHEREAS, as we listened with delight to the annual sermon preached by the Rev. J. Paul Q. Wallace, B. D., which showed a vast research, edifying all who heard and giving new inspiration and showing beyond a reasonable doubt the necessity of a higher educated pulpit, therefore be it

Resolved, That a synopsis of the same be spread upon the face of the minutes to be printed and that we hereby express our lasting gratitude to him for the same.

AND WHEREAS, he is going to be transferred to Florida

Resolved, That he has our prayers.

P. A. SCOTT,
S. P. WEST.
R. TANNER,
T. J. ASKEW.

The mark against Robert Brazier was taken up. Rev. Riley stated that he marked him for neglect of official duty. On motion by Dr. D. S. Bentley that Rev. Bazier be located. The motion prevailed.

Rev. G. B. Knox being marked for neglect of official duties by

Rev. W. S. Lowry. On motion by Rev. J. W. Jeffries that in view of worthy services rendered by Rev. Knox in the past he be instructed to attend the Quarterly Conference and that he be excused. The motion prevailed.

Rev. T. A. J. West being marked by Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace for failing to turn over books and documents belonging to the church at Sewickly. Rev. West made a satisfactory explanation and by vote was exonerated from the mark.

Report on Temperance was submitted by Rev. J. P. Wallace, and adopted:

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit our report:

Whereas, Intemperance throughout the world has become epidemic, causing the rich and poor of all nations to be curesd by its baleful influences, spreading desolation and destruction every where among all trades and professions. Alcohol and narcotics are causing millions to fill a premature grave, from the home, church and state, annually. It is startling to note the fact that $900,000,000 is spent annually for liquors; for tobacco, $350,000-000, while only 505,000,000 is spent for bread; $303,000,000 for meat; $87,000,000, for education and $6,500,000 for Christian missions. In view of these facts be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of this Conference, pledge ourselves to do all in our power, to check the onward flow of this great evil, by precept and example.

Resolved, That we take a decided stand against tobacco in any form as being unchristian and unbecoming as servants of God who should constantly reflect the life and character of the Lord Jesus Christ, acting and practicing his ways.

The women of the W. C. T. U. we view with pleasure and delight, their work spreading and widening for the good of man. We recommend that such be characteristic of our societies in our churches.

Resolved, That in all churches, sermons be preached on temperance on the fourth Sabbath in November, in union with the different societies of our land.

We recommend that gospel temperance be our motto, such as the Lord Jesus taught.

W. H. PALMER, M. D.
J. WALLACE.
A. E. WALDRON.

Resolution by Rev. J. W. Jeffries, respecting Endowment Day, was submitted and adopted.

Rev. G. C. Sampson submitted report on Missions, which was adopted, as follows. We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

While we realize the importance of every department of the church work and feel that none should be neglected, but with full earnestness and zealous hearts should be pushed to completion with an eye to the bettering of the condition of man and to the glory of God, yet we are free to confess that there is no work of more importance than the Missionary work. Both home and foreign demands our greatest care.

First, our home work, in the bounds of our own Conference, should be more carefully cared for and faithfully looked after, and our men on the mission work sympathized with more. We should more carefully guard the money that passes through our hands, that their hearts may be cheered by giving them substantial aid. Words of pity to one who has had it hard all the year, with nothing to help them purchase books or the necessities of life for their loved ones, are but idle and empty toys. We should feel toward others as we would have them feel toward us, should we be in their place. Let us labor all the year around for this great work.

Second, as to our foreign work, there never was a time in the history of the church that the prospect of our mission fields was so bright and cheering as now. As we look over the reports that come to us from time to time through the *Christian Recorder* and *The Voice of Missions*, we are enlightened, yet our information is quite meagre. Truly this seems to be the age of missions. There never was a time in the history of the church when there were so many bright, intelligent and upright young men and women who are willing to lay themselves on the altar of Christ for God and missions, as now.

The number of medical missionaries in missionary fields is 460, an increase of 122 in five years. Of these, 168 are in China, 163 in India, 44 in Africa, 34 in Syria and Turkey, and the rest in a score of other countries. About 340 are males and about one-third of that number are females. The United States has 246 in the field, Great Britain has 174, Canada 21.—Literary Digest.

We are glad to note that some of our best young men have gone to Africa. Our hearts were saddened because of the death of that grand good man, the Rev. A. L. Ridgel, who was drowned Sept. 26, 1896, which retarded the work in Sierra-Leone for a time. And then the unexpected rebellion of Rev. Fredericks had its effect to ward clogging the wheels of the church. But with Dr. Hurd in Liberia, Rev. F. G. Snelson, A. M., leading the church in Sierra-Leone, organizing and building churches, and the responsibility and care of the Ethiopean church, with its 2,800 members, is enough to fill an angel's heart, much less poor, sinful man.

This South African work demands our greatest care. They have come to us no doubt feeling that they were coming to a great church, the greatest organization of black men in the world. But these grand men with their faithful missionaries and native helpers need our help. What we want is money. These men cannot do the work successfully without means to strengthen their hands. The seventy ministers and 2,800 members are expecting more of us than they could do for themselves or they would not have come to us. God help us to do our best to fill their expectations.

We have now with the Ethiopian church in Africa over 5,000 members to look after besides members in South America and in the islands of the sea. Now if we could adopt some method to raise an average of two and one-half cents per member each month for mission work, we would have the neat sum of $125,000 to spend in that grand work. Churches are at work in almost every known country and the Bible is read by them in their own tongue. So the march goes on.

All hail the day when Christ
To every nation comes;
All lands and climes the Lord
Shall welcome to their homes.
He stands with open arms
Our brothers to receive;
O, hold not back the hands,
Our kindred to relieve.
Hit with a song and shout,
Our forces all unite,
To send all heathen lands
The blessed Gospel light.

G. C. S.

We believe that we can best do that work by the after collection basket system in all of our churches. In it we loose nothing and the cause gains much; and by standing with our sisters in the organiation of and the maintaining of the W. M. M. Societies in all of our churches. Let every honorable means be used that we may help to redeem Africa. And if Africa is ever redeemed at all, she is to be redeemed by the helping hand of the black men and women of America, and I verily believe that God in his providence raised up the A. M. E. Church to help do that work. It is true that God did permit our forefathers to be brought to this country for the purpose that we might be rightly prepared to return and help do our best to redeem her. And more, I verily believe, that we, as a people, are not to have any great amount of ease until we accept the responsibility of Africa's redemption so far as it lies in our power. It ought to be the burden of every heart.

Resolved, That we, as the Pittsburg Conference, pledge ourselves as a Conference, to do all we can to strengthen the hands of our Senior Bishop in the work that seems to be the closest to his heart, even the redemption of our fatherland—Africa—and we shall pray God to give him a safe passage to Africa and that he may do much good while there.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to stand by our own Bishop of this Conference, Bishop Lee, D. D., to perfect his hoped for arrangements to visit his foreign work, and also that we pledge ourselves to help dear Sister Batch, of Elizabeth, Pa., in her grand effort to help raise the $1,000 for special mission work in South Africa.

GEO. C. SAMPSON.
M. S. JONES.
J. E. MORRIS.

Report on Presiding Elder's allowance was made by Rev. T. J. Askew, as follows:

To the Bishop and members of Pittsburg Annual Conference: —We, your committee on Presiding Elders' allowance, submit the following as our report:

Having carefully considered the interest of the Presiding Elders and the people, we recommend that the allowances remain as they are except the following places: Wilkesbarre to be reduced $5.00, and Homestead be increased $8.00 and Braddock $7.00. And we further recommend that each pastor put forth his best effort to raise the Presiding Elder's assessment before the day of Quarterly meeting; and we further recommend that the Presiding Elder visit each charge at least twice on Sunday during the year.

S. C. HONESTY,
T. J. ASKEW.
J. W. BROWN.

A resolution was submitted by Rev. J. P. Wallace respecting the splendid work done by Mrs. J. W. Batch in organizing Mite Missionary Societies. The same was adopted.

WHEREAS, We were much delighted at the interest taken in the missionary work by Mrs. J. W. Batch and, realizing the enormous amount of time and work taken to make those beautiful quilts and cushion covers, be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the Conference, do express our appreciation of the grand and noble work done by her is assisting to raise the one thousand dollars for this district, and that the places where there are no Women's Mite Missionary Societies request Mrs. J. W. Batch to come and organize for them.

W. S. LOWERY.
J. W. JEFFRIES.
J. P. WALLACE.
P. A. SCOTT.

Resolutions respecting the entertainment and contributions to the success of the Conference were submitted by Rev. H. A. Grant as follows:

WHEREAS, Inasmuch as the growth and prosperity of this Conference depends in a great measure upon wise plans of educational work, developed through its Bishop and members, and

WHEREAS, Inasmuch as Bishop Benjamin F. Lee, D. D., LL. D., is a scholar of the highest type, a profound and progressive thinker

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation and thanks to him for the very dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the thirtieth session of the Pittsburg Annual A. M. E. Conference.

Resolved, With profound gratitude to Almighty God, we recognize in Rev. Walter S. Lowry, a man of excellent parts, and one of whom we cannot speak too highly, for the satisfactory manner in which he arranged to entertain this conference.

Resolved, That we shall ever be thankful to Rev. Lowry and his good wife for doing all within their power to make us happy during our stay among them.

Resolved, That the members of Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church and friends, at whose homes we have been so highly entertained, have our thanks and prayers for their benevolence and Christian hospitality, for the excellent treatment received from them.

Resolved, That the officers, stewardesses and their assistants of Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church have our thanks for entertaining us so satisfactorily and bountifully at the church. A vote of thanks to the members of the choir for their sweet and stirring songs of praise; to the daily newspapers of this city and to the Pittsburg *Press* particularly for its accurate and elaborate accounts of the proceedings of the Conference; to the preachers, members of the different churches and all who contributed in any way to the success of the Conference.

H. A. GRANT.
J. W. GAZAWAY.
D. S. BENTLEY.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

A beautiful hymn book was presented to Euclid Avenue A. M. E. Church by Rev. Charles Garner in behalf of the Conference. Received by Rev. W. H. Brown, with appropriate words.

The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

By motion of Rev. W. H. Brown, it was ordered that the Conference appropriate $50.00 to Bro. J. E. Bowser for a scholarship to Wilberforce.

Rev. S. B. Williams, a blind but worthy brother, of the New Jersey Annual Conference, expressed his appreciation to the Bishop, Rev. Lowry and wife and Conference for courtesies extend-

ed. By motion it was voted that the Conference extend a hearty welcome to Rev. S. B. Williams at any time he may desire to visit the work.

Rev. B. Wheeler submitted the report on appropriations, as follows:

Rev. Bishop and Conference, your committee on appropriations most respectfully submit the following:

Received Conference percentage of Dollar Money	$585 40
Received Conference Contingent Money	184 61
Received Conference percentage of Missionary Money	169 21
Total to be disbursed in Conference	$939 22

Other monies received in Conference to be sent to the following departments:

To Dr. H. B. Parks, Secretary of P. H. F. Missionary Society	$111 01
To Treasurer of W. M. M., Mrs. Lyda Lowry	66 67
To Payne's Theological Seminary	142 90
To Bible Cause	26 34
To Church Extension	2 37
Total to be sent on by Treasurer	$349 29

Disbursements of Conference Money to Superannuated Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Itinerant Ministers:

Rev. William H. Pride, superannuated	$ 75 00
Clarissa West, the widow of William West	25 00
Mary Watt, widow of Samuel Watt	25 00
Grace Offer, widow of William H. Offer	25 00
Anna E. Jackson, widow of Robert H. Jackson	25 00
Mary E. Russell, widow of John E. Russell	25 00
Margaret Evans, widow of Nathaniel Evans	25 00
Fannie Cyus, widow of Thomas Cyus	25 00
Jennetta Johnson, widow of David J. Johnson	25 00
Margaret A. Jones, widow of Sugarus T. Jones	25 00
Emma Ralph, widow of William G. Ralph	25 00
Rebecca Morris, widow of Jeremiah M. Morris	25 00

Children of deceased itinerant ministers under fourteen years:

Two children of Samuel Lacy	10 00
One child of David Lewis	5 00
One child of Joseph B. Jackson	5 00
One child of David J. Johnson	5 00
One child of John E. Russell	5 00
Total	$380 00

Appropriations to ministers who received small salaries:

Rev. John W. Riley, P. E. of Wheeling District	$ 25 00
Rev. Owen T. Davis	10 00
Rev. Eli McKnight	15 00
Rev. Joseph P. Stevens	10 00
Rev. Alexander Smuthers	10 00
Rev. Charles Garner	10 00
Rev. Hartly G. Thomas	10 00
Rev. Daniel E. Cole	10 00
Rev. Anthony E. Walden	10 00
Rev. Milo S. Jones	10 00

Rev. William N. Young	10 00
Rev. Thomas A. J. West	10 00
Rev. Lewis A. Barber	10 00
Rev. Charles N. Butts	10 00
Rev. J. S. Eaton	10 00
Rev. S. P. West	5 00
Rev. George W. Webster	10 00
Rev. Joshua J. Norris	5 00
Rev. Samuel Honesty	10 00
Rev. John W. Brown	10 00
Rev. Richard Brown	5 00
Rev. Sarah Brown	5 00
Rev. George G. Skinner	10 00
Rev. Sandy Christian	15 00
Rev. F. D. Taylor	15 00
Rev. S. B. Morris	5 00
Rev. A. R. Palmer	15 00
Total	$280 00

Contingent Appropriations:

Episcopal residence	$ 75 00
Bishop B. F. Lee, traveling expenses	30 00
Conference Secretary	10 00
Statistical Secretary	5 00
Engrossing Secretary	3 00
Conference Credential	2 50
A. M. E. Publishing House, for blanks	3 40
Stationery	5 50
Bishop M. B. Salter	5 00
Bishop H. M. Turner	5 00
Bishop W. J. Gains	5 00
Incidental expenses of the pastor of the church	89 11
Sexton	10 00
Total	$250 51

RECAPITUATION.

Total amount received to be disbursed in Conference.....$939 22

APPROPRIATIONS.

To Widows and Orphans and Superannuated Preachers	$380 00
To Preachers receiving small salaries	280 00
Contingent Appropriations	250 51
Grand Total paid out	$910 51
Balance in Treasury	28 71
Less One Dollar, Counterfeit	1 00
	$27 71

B. WHEELER,
CARTER WRIGHT,
A. R. PALMER,
GEORGE G. SKINNER,
ELI McKNIGHT.

Mrs. Jackson's appropriation sent by G. C. Sampson. Mrs. Russel and child's and Mrs. N. Johnson and child's by D. F. Caliman. Mrs. M. Evan's sent by H. A. Grant. Mrs. F. Cyrus' and children of Rev. Lacy, sent by D. Newsome. Mrs. M. Jones' by D. S. Bentley.

By motion it was voted that $25.00 be appropriated for the support of the District Circular. It was ordered by motion that $1.80 be paid on the Johnson case to special committee. By motion it was ordered that $5.00 each be appropriated to the Presiding Elders of the Pittsburg and Allegheny District for contingencies. Carried.

SUMMARY STATEMENT.

Dollar Money	$ 1,606	13
Pastoral Support	20,916	91
Presiding Elders	1,986	47
Contingent Purposes	189	23
For Bible Cause	25	69
For Missionary Purposes	557	53
By Mite Societies	472	03
For Charity	675	43
For Education	408	45
For Sunday School	1,455	02
Church Extension	138	54
Sunday School Union	138	41
Number of Members	3,556	
Number of Probationers	151	
Number of Local Preachers	50	
Number of Exhorters	15	
Number of Churches	65	
Number of Parsonages	18	
Value of Churches	$378,043	18

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. What preachers admitted on trial? F. E. Bowser and S. B. Morris.

2. Who remained on trial? None.

3. Who are admitted to full connection? J. W. Brown, J. E. Morris, Eli McKnight, T. J. Askew.

4. Who are the deacons? E. J. Bazier, J. E. Morris, Eli McKnight; J. W. Brown, T. J. Askew, M. S. Jones.

5. Who have been elected and ordained deacons and elders this year? James Lawson, Bowman Scott, Cyrus Young, Local Deacons; J. P. Wallace, Traveling Elder.

6. Who have been located this year? Elijah Bazier.

7. Who are the Bishops? Henry W. Turner, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abram Grant, Benjamin F. Lee, Moses B. Salter, James A. Handy, William B. Derrick, James C. *Embry and Joseph Armstrong.

8. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

9. Who are the superannuated preachers? W. H. Pride.

10. Who have been expelled by this Conference? Hutchinson Johnson.

11. Who have withdrawn this year? None.

12. Are all the preachers blameless? All, except H. Johnson, E. Brazier.

*Died August 14, 1897.

13. What members of the Conference have died this year? Revs. Jeremiah M. Morris and W. G. Ralph.

14. Where shall our next Conference be held? Canonsburg, Penna.

15. When shall we hold the next annual session of this Conference? At the time appointed by the presiding Bishop.

Bishop Lee made some statements respecting the office of Presiding Elders, as to his duty, and their relation to the pastor and people. The Bishop's and the Presiding Elders' entertainment should not be left to the pastor; the members should share in the same. He expressed his regrets in having to appoint some men to poor places. He referred to the change of Presiding Elder, Rev. C. Asbury, D. D. "He is one of the strongest men in the Conference, yet one of the most submissive." A man of information as to what the iterancy is. As to education I have not seen a Conference so enthusiastic as this one. "When you go to your appointments, my brethren, go to them manly. If a man sustain himself grandly, the people are glad to pay him. Discharge your obligation respecting Education and Missions. God bless you as you go to your new charges. Pray for me and I shall pray for you."

16. Where are the preachers stationed this year? At the following named places:—

APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

REV. WILLIAM H. BROWN.....Presiding Elder.
Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg.....Rev. John W. Gazaway, D. D.
Euclid Avenue, Pittsburg.....Rev. W. S. Lowry
Williamsport.....Rev. Cornelius Asbury, D. D.
Altoona.....Rev. W. N. Young
Scranton.....Rev. Henry A. Grant
Wilkesbarre.....Rev. A. R. Palmer
New Haven.....Rev. William C. Goens
Bellefonte.....Rev. Cyrus N. Woodson
Braddock.....Rev. S. C. Honesty
Lewistown.....Rev. D. G. Cole
Philipsburg.....Rev. M. S. Jones
Mont Rose.....Rev. John W. Brown
Bradford.....Rev. R. M. Henderson
Greensburg.....Rev. Owen T. Davis
Homestead.....Rev. Hartley G. Thomas
Tyrone, M.....Rev. Alex. Smothers
Milton M.....Rev. C. N. Butts
Lock Haven.....Rev. Charles Garner
Scottdale.....Rev. T. J. Simmons
Bethel Mission, Pittsburg.....Rev. John W. Hayse

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

REV. DAVID F. CALIMAN.....Presiding Elder
Brown Chapel, Allegheny.....Rev. R. H. Morris
Chartiers, Allegheny.....Rev. Richard Tanner
South Side, Pittsburg.....Rev. J. W. Riley
Monongahela City.....Rev. Benjamin Wheeler
Brownsville.....Rev. Charles McGee
Uniontown.....Rev. J. W. Jeffries
New Brighton.....Rev. I. B. Till, B. D.
Meadville.....Rev. J. H. Bell
Franklin.....Rev. S. P. Welsh
Oil City.....Rev. G. C. Sampson
Elizabeth.....Rev. G. G. Skinner
Bridgewater.....Rev. J. J. Norris
Bradford.....Rev. J. P. Stephens
West Newton Circuit.....Rev. T. J. Askew
Charleroi.....Rev. G. W. Webster
Sewickley.....Rev. B. H. Lee
McKeesport.....Rev. D. Newsome
Bellevernon.....Rev. T. A. J. West
Erie.....Rev. P. A. Scott
Olean, N. Y.....Rev. Eli McKnight

WHEELING DISTRICT.

REV. T. A. GREEN.....Presiding Elder
Washington, Pa.....Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D
Canonsburg, Pa.....Rev. C. Wright
Wheeling, W. Va.....Rev. R. H. Bumby
Waynesburg, W. Va.....Rev. A. E. Waldon
Clarkesburg, W. Va.....Rev. Richard Brown
Morgantown, W. Va.....Rev. Sandy Christian
West Middletown, Pa.....Rev. J. E. Morris
Weston Mission, W. Va.....Rev. S. A. Lewis
Charleston, W. Va.....Rev. F. D. Taylor
McGovern, W. Va.....Rev. H. J. Williams, (supply.)
Ceredo Mission, W. Va.....Rev. S. B. Morris
Stumptown, W. Va.....Rev. L. A. Barber
Blackville, W. Va.....Rev. W. T. Baker
Madison, W. Va.....Rev. Moses P. Cole
Beverley, W. Va.....Rev. Thomas J. Smith, (supply.)
Parkersburg.....B. A. L. Powell

TRANSFERS.

Revs. W. T. Maxwell and Moses L. Nettler to the North Ohio Conference. Rev. Jesse P. O. Wallace, B. D., to the East Florida Annual Conference, and appointed President of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville.

After which the Conference sang "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" and the Thirtieth Session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference adjourned. Doxology by Rt. Rev. H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D.

BENJAMIN F. LEE, D. D., Bishop.
DAVID F. CALIMAN, Conference Secretary.

INCIDENTAL MEETING.

Williamsport, Pa., July 2, 1897.

A meeting was called by Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., for the purpose of taking into consideration the organization of a movement looking to the celebration of the centennial of the birth of John Brown and the noble work he did in connection with our race variety. An organization was effected by electing Bishop B. F. Lee President; J. W. Gazaway, Secretary.

The following persons were present: Bishop B. F. Lee, Rev. W. H. Brown, P. E., Rev. C. Asbury, P. E., Rev. Jeffries, Rev. G. C. Sampson, Rev. D. F. Caliman, Rev. Cyrus Woodson, Rev. J. W. Gazaway, Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge, Mrs. Nettie Wilmer, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mrs. Lidda Lowry, Mrs. D. F. Caliman, Mrs. Grace P. Offer, Mrs. J. W. Batch, Mrs. L. Asbury, Mrs. D. S. Bentley.

Remarks were made by Bishop Lee setting forth the importance of the event we desire to celebrate and he said among other things that John Brown was born with this country, and it is important that the event of his birth be a thing of general interest to our race variety and that it should be our purpose to raise one hundred thousand dollars for our educational institutions, namely, Payne, Allen and Morris Brown with others.

It was suggested that we should so combine our efforts and interests as to awaken a general interest among the people of our race variety in this matter and that a thorough organization should be effected and some one of our large southern cities chosen as the centre in which the great celebration should take place. The suggestions thus offered by the Bishop were heartily endorsed, and it was agreed that more definite action be taken at the forth coming Annual Conference this fall.

The brethren were enthusiastic in the matter and heartily endorsed the measure. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Bishop. J. W. GAZAWAY, SECRETARY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE OF BIBLE CAUSE.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following report. We thank God for the Bible as the Revealed Word of God, containing all things necessary to the salvation of mankind. We thank God that this revelation is no longer sealed from the people and written on sheets of parchment. That true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world is now shining upon the world from an open Bible. We all, with open face, beholding as in a glass, darkly, the glory of God changed from glory to glory by the spirit of God.

The Bible is a divine means to a beneficial end, and is designed to enlighten, emancipate, purify and elevate the whole human family. We hail with great delight the agencies consecrated to the work of disseminating it throughout the world. We appreciate the value of Bible societies.

In this age of multiplied and combined facts men are every where organizing for special purposes. Oxford, England, manufactured 20,000 volumes of scripture a week, and upward of 1,000,000,000 a year. The skins of about 70,000 animals are used for binding; about 400,000 sheets of gold leaf are required to letter the backs.

We realize that the Bible is being sent east, west, north and south, keeping pace with civilization, yea preceeding it and planting the standard of divine truth in every home. The Bible is a matchless volume. We cannot study it too much or estimate it too high. There is no book in the world upon which the soul can rest in a dying hour or moment but the bible.

The work of distribution of the scriptures is being pushed forward in every department of life. In the great marts of business, schools. humane and criminal institutions.

WHEREAS, The Bible society has seen the great need of a day being instituted as Bible Sunday, on which a special effort shall be made for the Bible cause. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the Pittsburg Conference, co-operate with the great effort of the Bible society in doing all we can to assist in disseminating the Word of God.

The following contributions have been received:

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Wylie Avenue, J. W. Gazaway, $1.64; East End, W. S. Lowry, $1.00; Altoona, W. N. Young, 60 cents; Williamsport, D. F. Caliman, $1.00; Scranton, H. A. Grant, 50 cents; Wilkesbarre, H. C. Goens, —; Bellefonte, C. A. Woodson, $1.00; Philipsburg, R. Henderson, 10 cents; Montrose, J. W. Brown, 38 cents, Greensburg,

O. T. Davis, 50 cents; Tyrone, A. E. Walden, $1.00; Lock Haven, C. Garner, 59 cents; Duquesne, H. G. Thomas, 25 cents; Braddock, C. S. Honesty, 25 cents; Everett, J. P. Stevens, $1.00; Homestead, G. G. Skinner, 50 cents. Total, $10.31.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown's Chapel, R. H. Morris, $1.10; Chartiers, R. Tanner, 50 cents; Monongahela City, T. A. Green, 50 cents; Brownsville, R. Brown, $1.00; Uniontown, J. W. Jeffries, 74 cents; New Brighton, I. B. Till, 50 cents; Meadville, P. A. Scott, 50 cents; Franklin, S. P. West, 50 cents; Oil City, G. C. Sampson, $2.00; Elizabeth, B. Wheeler, 52 cents; W. Bridgewater, J. J. Norris, 50 cents; W. Newton, T. J. Askew, 50 cents; Charleroi, G. W. Webster, 25 cents; Sewickly, J. Wallace, 25 cents; Bellvernon, T. A. J. West, 60 cents; Olean, New York, J. E. Norris, 25 cents. Total, $10.21.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling, R. H. Bumry, 50 cents; Washington, D. S. Bently, $1.50; Canonsburg, C. Wright, $2.00; Waynesburg, D. Newsome, 75 cents; Morgantown, S. Christian, 50 cents; Weston A. Smothers, 20 cents; W. Midleton, D. Cole, 30 cents; total, $5.75. Grand total, $26.27. Respectfully submitted,

A. E. WALDON,
JOSHUA J. NORRIS,
A. SMOTHERS.

COMMITTEE ON MISSION BOARD.

To the President, Bishop and Members of the Thirtieth Session of the Pittsburg Conference of the A. M. E. Church:—We the Conference Mission Board beg leave to submit our annual report:

As we review the work of our great church in her various departments for the year just closing and realize how great the good she has accomplished in that short time, there goes up from our hearts a fervent "Praise His name for His goodness to his people." And yet we recognize with sadness the fact that of all of the departments of our church activities none is so woefully neglected as that of cultivating the waste places in our foreign and home mission fields. We are happy to record, however, that while during the year we have not accomplished all that we had in our hearts to do, yet, under God we have been able to accomplish something.

We sent out to our stronger churches three appeals during the year and the following represents the responses to our pleas: Rev. J. E. Morris, $3.00, from the church at Olean; Rev. J. W. Jeffries, $2.04, from church at Uniontown; Rev. D. F. Caliman, $5.00, from church at Williamsport; Rev. B. Wheeler, $1.75, from church at Elizabeth; Elizabeth Y. P. S. C. E., $1.50, from church at Elizabeth.

We have been able to help the following brethren with the

amount opposite their names: Rev. T. A. West, $15.00; Rev. M. L. Nettles, $10.00; Rev. G. G. Skinner, by loan, $10.00; Rev. S. A. Lewis, $12.00; Rev. Eli McKnight, $10.00.

We urge the brethren to redouble their efforts in this department of their work to the end that we may be able to do much more this year than was done last year. We also recommend the payment of the following during each of the months of December, January and February: Rev. T. A. Green, Presiding Elder, $5.00; Rev. B. A. Powell, Parkersburg, $5.00; Rev. S. B. Morris, Ceredo Circuit, $5.00; Rev. E. Bazier, Madison Circuit, $5.00; Rev. S. A. Lewis, Weston Circuit, $5.00; Rev. L. A. Barber, Stouts Mills, $5.00; Rev. H. Williams, McGovern, $5.00; Rev. S. Christian, Morgantown, $5.00; Rev. D. G. Cole, Lewistown and Bedford, $5.00; Rev. R. M. Henderson, Bedford, $5.00; the pastor at Beverly, $5.00; the pastor at Bloomsburg, $5.00.

These and all other disbursements to be made at the discretion and on the order of the chairman of the Board, Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D. All of which we most respectfully submit.

BISHOP B. F. LEE, Chairman.
REV. P. A. SCOTT, Vice Chr.
REV. S. CHRISTIAN.
REV. S. P. WEST, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:—We your Committee on Education desire to complete our report. We have receiced by cash from the following places:

Huntingdon, J. S. Eator	$ 50
Tyrone, A. E. Walden	4 50
Homestead, G. G. Skinner	4 50
Oil City, G. C. Sampson	20
Morgantown, S. Christian	50
McGovern, Eli McNight	50
West Middletown, D. G. Cole	3 00
Weston, A. A. Smuthers	2 25
Bellevernon, T. A. J. West	4 00
Total	$ 19 95

By receipt from the following places:

Williamsport, D. F. Caliman	$ 30 00
Altoona, W. N. Young, no receipt	5 00
Scranton, H. A. Grant	10 65
Braddock, S. C. Honesty	5 00
Bedford, F. E. Bowser	1 15
Montrose, J. W. Brown	4 16
Bellefonte, C. N. Woodson	13 19
New Haven, S. A. Lewis	25 00
Greensburg, O. T. Davis	9 00
Meadville, P. A. Scott	3 25
Lock Haven, Charles Garner	1 00
Monongahela City, T. A. Greene	4 00
Brownsville, R. Brown	9 93
Uniontown, J. W. Jefferies	6 90
New Brighton, I. B. Till	5 00

Wilkesbarre, W. C. Gones	5 00
Bridgewater, J. J. Norris	10 40
Franklin, S. P. West	9 00
Sewickley, J. P. Wallace	12 79
Olean, J. E. Morris	1 50
South Side, Pittsburg, M. S. Jones	6 05
West Newton, T. J. Askew	5 31
Charleroi, G. W. Webster	3 20
Oil City, G. C. Sampson	13 70
Titusville, G. C. Sampson	12 70
Brown Chapel, R. H. Morris	25 00
Wheeling, R. H. Bumry	8 65
Wylie Avenue, J. W. Gazaway	60 85
Philipsburg, R. M. Henderson	10 20
Everett, J. P. Stephens	5 00
Waynesburg	6 34
Chartiers, R. Tanner	3 00
Canonsburg, C. Wright	36 62
Elizabeth, B. Wheeler	7 65
East End, W. S. Lowry	25 00
Washington, D. S. Bentley	25 00
Total	$431 13

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
J. W. GAZAWAY,
J. P. WALLACE.

CHILDREN'S DAY MONEY.

Children's Day money received from the state of Pennsylvania:

Allegheny, Rev. R. H. Morris	$ 6 00
Allegheny, L. V. Jones	2 14
Altoona, D. C. Johnson	4 10
Bellevernon, Rev. T. A. J. West	1 00
Brownsville, Rev. R. Brown	3 52
Bradford, L. B. Thompson	5 13
Bellevernon, Howard Thomas	2 50
Bellefonte, Wm. Mills	5 08
Braddock, W. W. Jackson	2 50
Bedford, Rev. J. S. Stephens	2 00
Charleroi, Rev. G. W. Webster	2 50
Curwensville, L. S. Taylor	71
Canonsburg, T. J. S. Johns	45
Canonsburg, C. Wright	7 60
Pittsburg, Rev. W. S. Lowry	7 40
Franklin, Rev. S. P. West	1 65
Greensburg, O. F. Davis	2 50
Jersey Shore, W. C. Williams	3 82
Jersey Shore, Rev. Charles Garner	36
Lewiston, Charles A. Price	1 56
Monongahela, Myrtle S. Kemper	3 04
Meadville, Rev. P. A. Scott	8 63
New Brighton, J. B. Till	1 00
New Haven, Sandy McNeal	5 00
Oil City, Rev. G. C. Sampson	3 95
Philipsburg, Claude Alexander	1 84
Pittsburg, Amelia Brown	1 15
Pittsburg, Rev. J. W. Gazaway	10 28
Rochester, Rev. J. J. Norris	4 00
Scranton, H. A. Grant	3 75
Sewickley, Mrs. Ella Jones	1 50
Tyrone, Rev. A. C. Walden	2 50
Titusville, G. C. Sampson	61
Uniontown, Rev. J. W. Jeffries	4 26
Washington, Rev. D. S. Bentley	7 50

West Newton, Rev. T. J. Askew	5 00
Williamsport, Rev. D. F. Callman	4 00
Waverly, J. W. Brown	2 27
Waynesburg, Rev. Dan Newsome	3 75
	$313 98

Children's Day money received from the state of West Virginia:

Clarksburg, Rev. W. H. Pride	$ 80
Duffields, P. S. Jefferson	1 20
Marshes, Floyd H. Saunders	1 35
Middleway, Jas. W. Thornton	2 10
Wheeling, Wm. J. Wood	3 80
Weston, A. W. Smothers	1 38
	$10 23

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Nashville, Tenn., September 20, 1897.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Chuch—Greeting:

Dear Father and Brethren:—August 11, 1897, witnessed the close of the first fifteen years of the existence of our Sunday School Union. What as to the results? It is the first colored religious denomination to adopt "Children's Day" as an anniversary of annual observance, and to apply the collections received therefrom to the extension of Sunday School work. It is the first colored religious organization in the world to purchase and possess real estate paid for by money raised exclusively by Sunday School children. It is the first colored religious denomination to issue a series of graded Sunday school helps, such as quarterlies and lesson papers. It is the first colored religious denomination to print and publish with the aid of its own machinery and material Sunday school literature and requisites.

From the returns of Children's Day it has received $56,969.57, while the receipts to business aggregate $158,658.

It has donated to worthy Sunday schools, in the way of books and periodicals, $5,057.98.

It owns a solid stone front, brick building, situated on the Public Square in Nashville, Tenn., which is of inestimable value to the A. M. E. Church, and would not be parted with for any sum less than $25,000. It is five stories high including the basement.

Its periodicals have a circulation in almost every state and territory and in the West Indies and West and South Africa.

Its property and business is easily worth $40,000, and is free and unincumbered, except a current debt of $1,500, which is partially offset by a cash balance.

The above is a fair summary of what has already been achieved, and we hope that you will order it published in connection with the printed proceedings of this session of your Conference.

There is a vast field of usefulness before us, which invites the

best and most persistent efforts of our Sunday School Union that it may share the fruits of an almost boundless harvest. Realizing, as we surely do, that God has greatly blessed us in the past, let us go forth with renewed energy determined not to cease our labors until an A. M. E. Church Sunday school shall be planted on every hilltop, and in every valley, and on the bosom of every plain, wherever a handful of colored children are to be found. Believe me to be sincere in the expression that the love and gratitude of my heart goes out in unstinted measure toward all who have in any manner or degree contributed toward the success of this department during the first fifteen years of its founding.

Earnestly praying God's blessings upon your deliberations, and sincerely trusting that you will give due attention to the needs of this department and the interests of our Sunday school work in general.

Fraternally,

C. S. SMITH,

Secretary and Treasurer A. M. E. Church S. S. Union.

MINUTES OF SOCIETIES.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Conference Missionary Society was called to order by Bishop W. J. Gaines, D. D., at the hour of 10 a. m. The roll was called and the following preachers paid their annual dues of $1.00 each: Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., Rev. C. Asbury, D. D., Rev. W. H. Brown, Rev. J. W. Riley, Rev. J. W. Gazaway, Rev. W. S. Lowry, Rev. H. A. Grant, Rev. J. S. Eaton, Rev. J. W. Hayes, Rev. R. H. Morris, Rev. T. A. Green, Rev. P. A. Scott, Rev. J. J. Norris, Rev. J. P. Wallace, Rev. R. H. Bumry, Rev. S. Christian, Rev. W. C. Goens, Rev. S. C. Honesty, Rev. J. W. Brown, Rev. C. N. Butts, Rev. W. N. Young, Rev. C. N. Woodson, Rev. G. G. Skinner, Rev. C. Garner, Rev. M. S. Jones, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Rev. G. C. Sampson, Rev. T. J. Askew, Rev. T. A. J. West, Rev. C. Wright, Rev. D. G. Cole, Rev. D. F. Caliman, Rev. R. M. Henderson, Rev. O. J. Davis, Rev. S. A. Lewis, Rev. R. Tanner, Rev. R. Brown, Rev. S. P. West, Rev. C. A. McGee, Rev. A. R. Palmer, Rev. D. S. Bentley, D. D., Rev. Alexander Smothers, Rev. W. H. Palmer, Rev. H. G. Thomas, Rev. F. D. Taylor, Rev. I. B. Till, Rev. B. Wheeler, Rev. G. W. Webster, Rev. J. Morris, Rev. D. Newsome, Rev. D. W. Douse, Rev. A. E. Waldon, Rev. Sylvester Burrell, Mrs. Tamazie McDonald.

The Missionary Society having used all the time allotted to it was adjourned by limitation of time.

BISHOP W. J. GAINS, D. D., President.
REV. S. P. WEST, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE BRANCH WOMANS' MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Conference branch of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society met in Euclid Avenue Church and was called to order by Bishop B. F. Lee, who introduced Mrs. M. J. Miller as the vice president; Mrs. Lida Lowry, treasurer of Conference branch and president of the local society, and Mrs. Moses B. Salter, first vice president of the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The president of the Pittsburg Conference Branch, Mrs. D. F. Caliman, being absent, Mrs. M. J. Miller, first vice president, called the society to business.

Mrs. Hattie Solomon, second vice president of the Conference Branch, was introduced and opened the devotional exercises by reading a hymn which was sung by the society and Conference. Mrs. Dr. C. Asbury was introduced and read the scripture lesson. Mrs. J. W. Batch, of Elizabeth, lecturer for the local branch, led in a touching prayer.

After devotion Mrs. M. J. Miller was introduced and read a very interesting paper on the work of the Mite Missionary Society. Mrs. M. B. Salter then delivered an elegant address, saying many beautiful and good things, among them the following: "Never think of letting the missionary spirit die out, but let it first permeate the heart of every pastor's wife who must not flinch or falter, but go into the lanes and alleys and by kind words lead the wanderers home. I am glad the men are now giving us recognition. But by and by we will be there and then our mission will not be to those with fine parlors but to those in the humblest homes and who sit in the shadow."

Mrs. D. S. Bentley then proposed a salute, "All Hail to the Sunny South," in honor of Mrs. M. B. Salter, which was vigorously responded to. The choir rendered a beautiful selection after which Mrs. Lida Lowry read her first annual report as treasurer of the Conference Branch as follows: Received from Annual Conference, $55.25; received from local societies, $276.42; paid out, $169.82; balance in treasury, $161.85. Mrs. Grace A. Offer, president of the Twin City Union, arose and read the following resolutions, which, on motion, were adopted:

WHEREAS, Many of our sisters in some sections of our country under auspices of the African Methodist Episcopal Church are organizing under the name of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and

WHEREAS, They have been recognized by the General Conference as a part of the grand army of women in our church who are laboring to fill the earth with the knowledge of God and the world with His glory, and

WHEREAS, We are uniting in putting forth efforts to conquer the world for Christ, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the Women's Mite Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Conference Branch of the A. M. E. Church send greetings to our sisters of the Foreign Missionary Society, and that we do hereby assure them that we join heart and hand with them in the noble work in which they are engaged.

Resolved, That we recognize that our burdens and hopes and fears are one and that our lives and works should be consecrated to the accomplishment of the end of gloriously triumphing over every enemy arrayed in opposition to the progress of our Lord's kingdom. Be it further

Resolved, That we do invite all branches of the Women's Mite Missionary Society together with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society to consider the matter of a joint meeting of delegates at some suitable point at such time as may hereafter be considered wise.

MRS. GRACIE P. OFFER,
MRS. MARY BARNUM,
MRS. M. E. FIELDS.

Prof. C. I. Heath was introduced and sang beautifully the selection entitled "Those Diamonds in the Rough."

Mrs. N. J. Watson, president of the Conference Branch of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Zion church, was introduced and made a very instructive and enthusing address, eulogizing Bishop Allen and his sons in the gospel ministry of our church. "Woman," she said, "is no small factor in the fight against the powers of darkness for 'the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.' I want to tell you that the A. M. E. Zion church is with you in the fight."

Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge then led in singing "Marching On," the congregation joining heartily in the chorus.

Mrs. D. S. Bentley was next introduced and read a very enjoyable and helpful paper. After she concluded she said: "I stand here filled with holy zeal for the cause of missions. I have spent a quarter of a century in the missionary work and I expect to spend the remainder of my life in it. Mrs. Bentley then concluded by exhibiting some photos of work in the Barbadoes.

Mrs. H. Solomon read a paper upon "Woman's Mission." The paper was clothed in beautiful language and bristling with thought from the beginning to the end. Among the many beautiful things she said the following may be taken as a sample of the entire composition: "Too many of us wear our religion like our kid gloves, no comfort to ourselves nor any one else. It is strange that man and woman can walk side by side in every work except that of the church without being vilified and slandered by the evil-eyed and dark hearted. I stand here to defend my own race at least and I dare to say there are pure women and men called of God. God has and will have a people."

Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge was introduced and led in singing the convention song—a song composed by herself and entitled, "'Tis His Hand That Leadeth On."

Mrs. J. W. Batch, of Elizabeth, explained a plan for raising money for Bishop Lee's mission work and called the "Quilt Plan." She reported as the result of that plan $140.19. She said the beautiful artistic lettering was the donation of Mr. George Calcett, of Elizabeth, and below is the list of the other helpers who lent their efforts to the grand success of the enterprise.

A collection was taken and the roll called, resulting in the sum of $27.83. Each minister paying fifty cents for his wife or else for himself in case he was so extremely unfortunate as to have no wife. Doxology was sung and benediction by Rev. S. P. West.

MRS. M. J. MILLER, President.
Rev. S. P. WEST, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP H. M. TURNER, D. D., LL. D.

WHEREAS, In this age of Christian activity and stern reality the A. M. E. Church is playing a grand and noble part among the religious forces destined to conquer the world for Christ, and

WHEREAS, In these closing years of the nineteenth century the best thought and noblest manhood are being recorded, and

WHEREAS, Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D., has by his undaunted courage and continuous efforts fought his way to the front ranks among the greatest thinkers of this century. Therebe it

Resolved, First, that we the members of the Pittsburg Conference tender him a vote of thanks for the very excellent and most instructive sermon preached yesterday morning. Second, that we pledge a greater effort to the missionary work in Africa, so dear to his heart. Third, that we will not cease to extend to him our deepest sympathy and faithful earnest prayers to God for his protection and success during his travel and arduous labors on the continent of Africa.

D. S. BENTLEY,
RICHARD TANNER.

SABBATH DESECRATION.

WHEREAS, Free navigation on the Monogahela river has been secured by the national government purchasing the right of way for traffic, and

WHEREAS, Viewing this purchase from a business standpoint, we as a part of the nation and subjects of the United States government have cause for congratulating ourselves, and

WHEREAS, This intended blessing is to some extent being turned into a curse. Therefore,

Resolved, We deprecate the fact that the locks are open for Sunday excursions which engage in spending the day in such amusements as are contrary to the teaching and spirit of our holy religion.

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
R. H. MORRIS.

Resolved, That this Conference stands opposed to the desecration of the Christian Sabbath in any form and that we do hereby pledge ourselves to discourage it in every way.

C. ASBURY,
H. A. GRANT.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, Wilberforce University is the oldest educational institution among our people in the country and has done a great work for Christian education and is destined to do a greater work. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the ministers of the Pittsburg Conference, pledge our continued support and interest in Wilberforce University.

J. W. GAZAWAY,
C. ASBURY,
J. P. WALLACE.

CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

WHEREAS, The Annual Sessions of our Conference is attended with considerable expense, and

WHEREAS, The amount of money raised by the different churches of our Conference for the contingent fund has been and is too small to meet the expenses of the Conference sessions. Therefore, be it

Resolved; That a more earnest effort be made by all of our pastors, of each and every pastoral charge of the Pittsburg Conference, to largely increase this fund.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders of the different districts of the Conference co-operate heartily with the pastors in order that the very best results may be secured.

C. N. WOODSON,
S. A. LEWIS,
F. D. TAYLOR.

Trustees of Wilberforce University.

REV. D. F. CALIMAN.....Elected 1895
REV. I. B. TILL.....Elected 1896
REV. J. W. JEFFRIES.....Elected 1897

ROLL OF HONOR.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

PITTSBURG.—Bethel A. M. E. Church, J. W. Gazaway, pastor. The following persons have paid one dollar: Geo. B. Knox, Harriet Gorgins, Virgina Proctor, J. A. Hopkins, Caroline Wylie, Elizabeth Hawkins, Asbury Thompson, Thomas Monroe, W. H. S. Rogers, Nancy Thompson, Taylor Aldridge, Rebecca Aldridge, J. P. Golden, Mrs. J. P. Golden, Charles Long, T. F. Murray, Elizabeth Hunter, J. L. Gazaway, M. J. Gazaway, Alice Hopkins, Henry Kimms, Elizabeth Shields, F. Carter, Mary E. Singleton, Louvenia Stokes, Cornelia Jackson, C. M. Palmer, Annie M. Bailey, Francis Hergate, William Austin, Charlette Austin, Lucretia Taylor, R. R. Thompson, Robert Jackson, Samuel Golden, Mrs. Samuel Golden, Joseph Evans, William Coats, Mrs. William Coats, Carrie Ball, Catharine Ball, David Merit, Eliza Ramer, Anderson Roy, Susan Sty, Janie McDaniels, Reason Snowden, C. A. Jones, Mrs. C. A. Jones, Josephine Baltimore, J. E. Thompson, Samuel Roach, Catharine Rud, Emma Arter, Sarah Moppins, Dr. Robert Brady, Mary V. Brady, Mariate Johnson, Geo. McDaniels, Henrietta Lewis, Mary M. Robinson, Fanny Anderson, V. W. Bickett, Blanche Woodson, Mortimer Dinney, A. L. Billows, M. J. Billows, Augustin Williams, D. J. Duiguid, Bessie Moor, C. H. Jones, S. Shrieves, G. Potter, H. Wells, Jessie Gray, H. Woodson, Lizzie H. Jones, A. Winn, Mrs. A. Wims, Hannah Carter, Mary Watson, Annie Matthews, Lida Cane, J. T. Gilbert, Mary L. Cumfreys, John Webster, Lizzie Murphy, Sarah Tanner, D. Todd, Martha Ramey, Henry Stanton, Margarett Stanton, Julia Loguin, Annie Dixon, Sterling Austin, W. H. Stanton, Martha Reed, A. P. Halliberton, Sarah Halliberton, T. R. Roach, J. H. Beeler, Mrs. J. H. Beeler, David Gordon, Robert Tocus, Hannah Robinson, W. H. Jones, Florence Williams, Catharine Bickett, Rachel Jones, Julia Palmer, Jennie McDaniels, Dr. William Coe, Margaret Thompson, Annie Jones, David James, J. W. Howard, Charles Miller, S. H. Sutton, A. M. Burris, P. W. Douse, Margaret Douse, Lizzie Dorsey, Emma Jackson, L. A. Topton, Henry Hunter, Daniel E. Todd, W. E. Mason, John Fogg, Sophia Fogg, Malinda Hilton, Mary Morrison, Luella Fox, Georgiana Ragan, Frank Ragan, A. M. Johnson, Katie S. White, Taylor Jones, A. C. Leftridge, W. E. Billows, William Banks, Annie S. Delaney, Julia E. Thomas, J. W. Hayes, Edward Johnson, Cora Washington, Lula Randolph, Amanda Palmer, Harry Coleman, Ida Lee, Kate Wright, Lucy Rogers, Annie M. Benton, Elizabeth Washington, Sarah S. Orbison, Sarah Askins.

The following named persons paid as follows: M. E. Jones, 75 cents; B. J. Young, 70 cents; Susan Wisher, 60 cents; Jacob Wisher, 60 cents.

The following named persons paid fifty cents: William Miller, Mrs. William Miller, E. Fields, W. P. Robinson, Oliver Jones, Mrs. D. J. Dinguid, H. Myers, Mrs. H. Myers, A. A. Gould, Mrs. A. A. Gould, William Mathews, Mother Simms, Effie Austin, Lucy Austin, Ethel McDaniels, O. W. McDaniels, Nellie Thompson, David Lewis, William Manley, Lina Johnson, Mary Rogers, Nellie Rogers, John Plowden, Susan Turner, Mary Winston, Margarett Wallace, Mary Henderson, C. L. Johnson, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Annie Herbert, Myrtle Herbert, H. L. Dodson, Fannie Mary Dixon.

The following have paid twenty-five cents: Lillian Austin, Alice Banks; 35 cents, Matilda Thomas, Eliza Hays, Sister Warfield, Lizzie Jackson, Sister Allen, Maggie Jobes, Catharine Derry, Elizabeth Henderson, L. Lacey.

Rev. David F. Caliman.

Rev. David F. Caliman was born at Lett-settlement, Muskingum Co., Ohio, July 11, 1853; converted January, 1873 at Middleport, Ohio; Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor; entered the active ministry September, 1883, North Ohio Annual Conference; ordained Deacon and Elder by Bishop J. P. Campbell; prior to entering the itinerancy, taught public school eight consecutive years at Middleport, Ohio, Barnesville, Ohio and Troy, Ohio respectively, during which time attended Normal school and private institutions; has served the following places: Marysville, Ohio, two years; Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 2 years; Delaware, Ohio, four years and attended the Ohio Wesleyan University three years; transferred to the Pittsburg Conference 1891, and stationed at Chartiers St. A. M. E. Church, Allegheny, Pa., four years; served the Bethel Church, Williamsport, Pa., two successful years, over one hundred souls were added to this Church during that time; present appointment, Presiding Elder of the Allegheny District.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Rev. D. F. Caliman, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Mary Willis, James Willis, Lawn Watson, Ellen Mateer, Hannah Green, Mary Blue, Sarah Smith, Charles Dockins, Rebecca Robinson, Sarah Jones, Charlot Jones, Victoria Branson, Sarah White, Joseph Anderson, Mariah Anderson, Sarah Williams, Maggie Alexander, Lizzie O'Brien, Jone Jackson, Lewis Cuff, Annie Cuff, L. T. Stevenson, Mary Stevenson, Joseph Jones, Willis Branson, Nancy Peterson, Martha Brooks, David Blue, Charlott Blue, Angie Bures, Randal Alison, John White, Mamie Russell, John Gross, D. K. Anderson, Isaiah White, A. M. White, Annie White, George Wagner, Harvey Dorsey, Ozie Watson, Caroline Williams, W. H. Hopkins, A. C. Hopkins, James Washington, Ettie Jones, Emma Wilson, Sadie Jackson, Richard Luster, Annie Butler, Mary Slaughter, Job Jones, Lizzie Bazan, Rebecca Barber, Berkley Blue, Bell Blue, M. Louise Blue, Jennie Fisher, Perry Summers, Howard Butler, Sadie Jones, Catharine Dary, Margaret Taylor, Annie Gowings, Cora Goodman, T. F. Norton, Rosetta Norten, George Butler, Florence Butler, George Dorsey, Earn White, Esther Newman, Annie M. Fisher, Henry Newman, C. A. Warfield, Rebecca Jackson, Sampson Reynolds, Sarah Jackson, Eli Alexander, C. J. Powell, Delilah Harrison, Henrietta Davis, Alex. Philips, Maggie Wood, Mary Wagner, M. J. Willson, Lizzie Jones, Lizzie Powell, Harriet Hagan, D. C. Fisher, Howard Augustus, Ellen Jackson, Henry Stokes, David Carson, Henrietta Harris, Clara Watson, Lizzie Gant, Elizabeth Hutchins, C. B. Thomson, J. W. Fairfax, Maggie Parker, Michael Wood.

The following paid fifty cents each: Bell Russell, V. M. Caliman, Douglass Green, Sarah Hollingsworth, Annie White, Cora Bryan, Robbie Jones, Sarah Gross, John Spiller, Charlott Harris. Ruthella Robinson paid 25 cents.

EUCLID AVENUE, EAST END, PITTSBURG.—Rev. W. S. Lowry, pastor. The following persons have paid one dollar each: Josephine Beard, Lida Lowry, Victoria Kelley, Osie Strawbridge, Levi Grason, Alexander Kelley, Royal Wheeler, Lucilia Lowise, Adda Jones, Ellen Battles, William Strothers, Leal Johnson, Alice Freeman, Lewis Scott, Maggie Fields, Carolina Fields, Ellen Banks, Gertrude Thompson, Daniel Tabbs, Josephine Jackson, Ella White, Samuel White, Fred Daugherty, Hattie Solomon, Amanda Bransome, Thomas Steward, Samuel Bransome, John Pinkard, Mary O'Brien, E. E. O'Brien, Emma Patterson, Robert Paul, Frank Barks, Lucy Strathers, Mary Thomas, Emma Sherrow, Morse Meritith, Robert Johnson, Ella Thompson, Ellen Jackson, Phoeby Wars, William Thompson, William Brooks, William Lewis, Mary Lovett, Sarah Goings, Carrie Webster, Lottie Hopkins, Emma Williams, Earle Strathers, Lucy Nelson, Mary Tobias, Harriet Deams, Lucy Buckner, Elizabeth Morgan, Cora Barks, Louisa Scott, Tillie Graham, Charles Bullet, Sarah Boyd, Eugene Brown,

Fanny Barks, Alice Addison, Hattie Rody, Timothy Linch, William Scott, Bertha Patterson, Mary Washington, Florence Harden, Anna Johnson, Benjamin Williams, Hester Williams, Ada Steward, Lulu Blair, D. M. Blair, Mary Botts, Robert Wheeler, Mary Johnson, Jane Lucas, Lizzie Deams, Sarah Brown, Alice Scott, Ida Paul, Sarah Thompson.

EUCLID AVENUE A. M. E. CHURCH.

The following persons paid fifty cents: Floria Addison, Jane Anderson, Lulu Linch, Earl Lewis, Jane White, Rosia Beneman, Effie Strawbridge, Hohase Edwards, Charles Addison, Soffie Truely, Nancy Allen.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents: Alice Simmans, Hester Robinson. Total, $94.25.

NEW HAVEN, PA.—S. A. Lewis, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: J. S. Jones, Annie Buchanan, Ellen Williams, Sarah Rollins, T. H. Brown, Mary White, William Buchanan, B. M. Mills, Georgiana Hunter, Sarah Fox, John Pondexter, Nellie Hunt, William Coleman, Lina Strathers, Rose Pondexter, Virginia Benford, Georgiana Pondexter, Johnson Fox, Sandy McNeal, J. H. Thompson, Lizzie Jones, Mary Lewis, Annie Henderson, Virginia Diggs, Jasper Washington, Charles E. Brown, Maggie Jones.

The following persons paid: Elizabeth Ross, 50 cents; Lulu Mossett, 50 cents; Sydney Washington, 50 cents; Eliza Calihan, 20 cents; total, $28.70.

GREENSBURG, PA.—Rev. O. T. Davis, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Vincent Stokes, Rachel Stokes, Jacob White, Emery Stokes, A. F. Furgeson, Mary Stokes, Augustine Stokes, Nannie Beasley, Bertha Layton, William T. Young, Charles Stokes, Anna T. Davis, Zella Monroe, Virginia White, Catharine Lupton, Emma Hackney, Lewis Nimmy.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: William Nicholas, Nora J. Fitzpatrick, Nellie Furgeson, Ida Dorsey, A. F. Layton, Kate Anderson, Martha Monroe, W. S. Hamlin, John Nimmey.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Nancy Wright, Abram White, Bertha White Ida Washington, Bella Lee, Lizzie Davis, Jessie Davis. Total $13.25.

WILKESBARRE, PA.—Bethel A. M. E. Church, W. C. Goens, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Robert Cheesman, John Ferman, Henry Johnson, Hartwell Miller, Mary E. Miller, Harriett Wilson, Bell Williams, Dave Wilson, John Branch, Gustus Edison, Mary Dennis, Annie Welcome, Henry Wellington, Charles Wycoff, Mollie Powell, Martha Rasper, Emma Thompson, Clennie Davis, Adam Woodson, Lylie Johnson, Alice Logan, John Logan, Annie Downing, Julia Goens.

The following paid fifty cents each: Bertha Mickens Lucretia Wycoff, Mary J. Smith, Mary Johnson, Bertha Towns, John Wilson paid 25 cents. Total, $26.75.

SCRANTON, PA.—Rev. H. A. Grant, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Virginia Thomas, George Brown, Cephas Scott, Jeremiah Logan, John B. Brown, W. K. Harris, Julia Hill, Joseph King, James Foster, Florence Lilly, Horace Johnson, Mrs. Horace Johnson, Sadie Morton, Christiana Foster, Anna Davis, Alamanza Porter, Mary E. Harris, Fannie Hart, William E. Hutchinson, E. F. Hall, Edward Jackson, Carrie Jackson, Emily Porter, Samuel Porter, Daniel Dorsey, Mamie Tinker, George Miller, Charles Grimes, E. F. Ivory, M. B. Howard, Mrs. M. B. Howard, Carrie Smith, Marshal Tinker, Florence A. Smith, Francis Foster, Samuel Howard, John Dorsey, Edward Nelson, Hattie Howard, Mrs. Cephas Scott, Lewis Morton, Mrs. H. A. Grant, William R. A Grant, 10 cents.

The following persons paid fifty cents: Amy Brown, Margaret Lilly, Anna Lee, Ida Huff, Eleanore Lane, Clara Stackhouse, Joseph Foster, Mary Tillman, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, [illegible] cents Kate Williams and Janavah Plater 25 cents each: Ashton Dorsey, cents; Howard Dorsey, [illegible]. Total, $12.00

BRADDOCK, PA. —S. C. Honesty, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Pauline Pogue, Adia Wells, Mary S. Irvin, Martha Evans, George Walker, Rena Taylor, Ida Lee, Jennie Puller, M. A. Rideout, Sarah Clark, T. K. Thompson, Mamie Washington, W. H. Washington, M. A. Edwards, Edward Thompson,

William Walker, Kate Walker, Lucy Walker, Robert Clark, Robert Wells.

The following persons paid fifty cents: Martha Staley, Annie Thompson, Annie Jackson and M. C. Honesty.

MONTROSE CIRCUIT.—J. W. Brown, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar. P. P. Norris, G. L. Battle, Nimrod Slaughter, Jane Norris and Cathrine Battle, Mrs. Eterline Slaughter paid 50 cents; Mrs. Eliza Boury, 25 cents. Total amount, $5.75.

WAVERLY, PA.—The following persons paid one dollar: J. R. John, Richard Norris, Catharine Bradley, S. E. Thomas, S. E. Lee, G. A. Johnson, C. C. Brown, Susan Baker, Louis Parks, Susan Sampson, H. W. Cole.

The following paid 75 cents: E. Parks and F. G. Johnson. The following paid 50 cents: E. Johnson, E. F. Washington, and C. A. Washington. The following paid 40 cents: E. Bowman. The following paid 25 cents: Edward Talbot, Harry Sampson, E. Honley, Mrs. A. Honley. Total amount, $15.40. Grand total, $21.15.

TYRONE, PA.—A. E. Walden, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Mrs. E. V. Johnson, Susan Crampton, Gussie Plowden, G. W. Bryant, D. S. Kloss, Charles Taylor, Ernest Willis. The following persons paid fifty cents: Allan Bryant, Thomas Brown, George Robert, Charley Garner, A. P. Lancaster, Mrs. A. P. Lancaster. The following persons paid twenty-five cents: James E. Rose, Nancy Plowden, William R. Owens, Louisa Garner.

LOCK HAVEN.—Rev. C. Garner pastor. The following paid one dollar: Lucinda Stills, Clara Butler, Peter D. Brown and Mary Brown. The following paid fifty cents: James Tyler, B. F. Brown.

JERSEY SHORE.—Rev. C. Garner, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Lida Carter, Mary Jane Williams, W. C. Williams, Catharine Elizabeth Smith, George W. Smith, Elizabeth Crabb, Julia A. Molson, David Wilson, and H. W. Carter Edward Fortune, fifty cents; Hardina Carter, twenty-five cents; Asbey Wise, twenty cents; Helen Molson, fifteen cents; Irene Molson, ten cents; Lottie Winson, five cents.

MILTON, PA.—Charles N. Butts, pastor. The following sums were paid: William Marshal, one dollar; Edward Carter, one dollar; George Henry, fifty cents; John H. Bond, twenty-five cents; Hester Gibbs, twenty-five cents; Peter S. Green, fifty cents; Leah Woodson, twenty-five cents; Maud Craig, ten cents; Helen Craig, ten cents.

HOMESTEAD, PA.—Rev. George G. Skinner, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Tucker Clark, George W. Turner, Sadie A. Randolph, Sally Blake, Thomas Jackson, Louisa Norris, Abram Stewart, Florence Blake, Boman Scott, Zack Blake, Lizzie Odey. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Lizzie Jackson, Cora Kerns, Daniel Johnson, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, J. D. Johnson, Mary Rhodes, Katie Stewart, Laura Clark. The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Bertie Jackson, Florence Jackson, Joe Johnson, Will Bray, Maggie Clark, Emma Ralph. Total, $16.50.

BEDFORD, PA.—F. E. Bowser, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Sue Bushe, Matilda Dangerfield, John Dangerfield, George W. Bell and Miss Mary Garner. The following paid 75 cents each: James Thomas and Rebecca Wagner. The following paid fifty cents each: Mrs. Preston Steward and Miss Ellen Wagner. The following paid twenty-five cents each: Miss Julia Warren, Miss Susan W. Wagner, Miss Kate Crawley, Miss Ida Stewart, Miss Cora Rouse, G. E. Bell, Miss Millie Bolden, Miss Nancy Watkins.

DUQUESNE, PA.—H. G. Thomas, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Columbus Duckett, Horace Weaver, Rueben Lee, Nicholas Lee, William Johnson, Howard Johnson, Lagonia Christian, Mary Green, A. Harris, Fannie McCoy, —— Mackerel, William Lawrul, William Walker, Fannie Furgeson. The following paid fifty cents: Mollie Hargrow, Laura Lancaster, Fannie Lee, James Lee, Robert Hargrow, Robert Street, M. M. Newman. The following paid twenty-five cents each: W. P. Campbell, Price King.

BELLEFONTE.—C. N. Woodson, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Jefferson Haden, Alfred Stewart, Angie Conrod, Mary Pennington, Maria Green, Louisa Dunlap, Emma Green, Clara Williams, Lucy Stewart, Adaline Lawson, Ella Stewart, Minnie Touran, Della Woodson, Matilda Dorsey, Florence Overton, Celia Mills, Annie Brown, Mary Miller, Ellen Thomas, Margaret Powell, Nettie Palmer, Maggie Valentine, Bertha Thomas, Alice Embry, Minnie Dubois, Ella Snyder, Matilda Miller, Katie Miller, Howard Trumble, Nannie Jackson, Thomas Pennington, Tamazime McDownal, Benjamin Williams, James Miller, William A. Jackson, Goen Thomas, Samuel Robison, Thomas Taylor, William Mills, George Brown, Peter Jones, Frank Miller, Lewis Mills, Edward Overton, Henry Williams, paid seventy-five cents. The following paid fifty cents: Martha Overton, James Forman, Lavina Williams, Nettie Carter, Martha Miller, Helen Mills, Georgetta Woodson, Lydia Moore, Lawrence Williams. The following paid twenty-five cents: Wilhelmine Woodson, Lizzie Stewart, Leah Woodson, Wayman Woodson. Total $50.25.

ALTOONA, PA.—Rev. W. N. Young, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Lavina Cox, Mary A. Shorter, Lucy Fowler, T. B. Shorter, Maggie Paul, Maggie Whiteing, Henry Lewis, Nancy Powell, Mrs. J. H. Shorter, George Green, Aaron Powell, D. C. Johnson, Mrs. Henry Lewis. The following paid fifty cents: Mary Holmes, William Holmes, Martha Stokes, Lulu Lewis, Sallie Johnson. The following paid twenty-five cents: Emma Young, Alice Dangerfield, Flora Nesbit, Charles Nesbit, May Ukerd. Total, $16.75.

PHILIPSBURG.—R. M. Henderson, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Lemuel Jackson, Katie Jackson and Mary Dillons.

The following paid fifty cents each: Robert Jordon, Ellen Jordon, Molly Page, Luweiser Bly, Martha Jackson, John Jackson, Eliza Only, Lewis Mitchell. Thomas Only paid thirty-five cents; Briscoe Burke, Elizabeth Only paid twenty-five cents each. Total, $7.85.

CURWENSVILLE.—Rev. S. C. Taylor paid one dollar. The following paid fifty cents each: Katie Jones, Lizzie Selvane, Adia Taylor, Emma Watson, John Webb and Sadie Braxton. The following paid twenty-five cents each : Mary Hartshorn and Annie Jones. R. H. Taylor paid ten cents. Total, $4.60.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

ALLEGHENY, PA.—Brown Chapel, R. H. Morris, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: William Smith, J. T. Dorkins, Lydia W. Jones, Cora Stafford, Horace Payne, E. C. M. Stevenson, Frances Mitchell, Mamie Thomas, Andrew Wayland, Joseph Washington, John Joplin, George W. Cook, Nathan Brightwell, Mary Napper, M. J. Thomas, Chauncey D. Viney, Laura Jennis, Minty Norman, Charles Brownson, Frank W. Poindexter, Hester Smith, Israel Kelly, John M. Smith, Fannie H. Bibbs, William H. Frazier, Rachel A. George, Sylvester Burrell, Margaret Wylie, Charles H. Robinson, Frances Robinson, Annie Johnson, Alverta Lewis, Amanda Brown, George Wilson, William Mitchell, Henrietta Jones, Mariah Overhall, Hysum Myers, William S. Smith, Nancy Banks, Lillian Dorkins, Gracie Brooks, George Hutchinson, Josephine Jordan, Annie Lewis, Fannie Brightwell, J. B. Long, Joseph K. Cumkleton, Mary Pearson, Katie Speaks, Thomas Riceton, Lucy Watson, Sarah Dixon, Nellie Miller, Philip Lane, Anderson Black, Virginia Page, Mason Washington, Mary A. Beal, E. J. Cox, Loneso Sawyer, Charles R. Moore, Priscilla Cumkleton, Georgiana Bruce, Alexander Berry, John Lewis, Thomas Moore, Emma Moore, Jennie Saunders, John B. Anthony, Mary E. Anthony, Mary Henderson, Mary Washington, Annie Bushrod, Hettie Pier, Nathan Peters, Anna Street, James H. Queen, John Jenkins, Luella Lane, Ruth Arter, Annie Gates, Ellen Patterson, Ruth

Jones, Emma Hawkins, George Zimmerman, Sarah Clark, Ellen Green, Susan Johnson, Lizzie Joyce, Henry M. Jones, Matilda Wallace,B. Bradshaw, G. F. Silas, Charles E. Butler, Elizabeth Fleming, Etizabeth Wilson, Sarah Staunton, Adam Wilson. Richard Furguson, Susan Caswell, Benjamin Vaughn, W. H. Barnum, Mary Barnum, Georgiana Johnson, James H. Page, Lizzie Jones, Hannah King, Annie B. Christian, Samuel M. Lewis, S. D. Renalds, America Stewart, Nancy Ramson, Elizabeth Lefridge, Lewis Queen, Elizabeth Fleming. The following persons paid seventy-five cents: Joseph Jenkins, Samuel Wylie. The following persons paid fifty cents: Elizabeth Jackson, May Saunders, Lizzie Moore, Lonesa Anthony, Ruth Whetts, Mary Hutchinson, Carrie Cumkleton, Maggie Wilson, Sarah Hayden, Emma Taylor, Susan Bartley, Richard Lane, Eliza Lane, Mamie Frazier, Lewis E. Harps, Iva Smith, Eliza Roberts, Lillie Washington, Edward Price, Fannie Zimmerman, Charles Swaney, James Sisco, Nellie Sisco, Sarah Sterling, Maggie Potter, Homer Riley, Hattie Cumkleton, Edward Howard, L. V. Howard. Margaret Morris paid $1.00. Belle Spencer paid 25 cents.

ALLEGHENY, PA.—Chartiers Street A. M. E. Church, Richard Tanner, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: James Slifer, Rebecca Slifer, Rachel Shields, Pauline Stevenson, George T. Smith, Pearl Smith, John Short, Bum Bradshaw, Shippy Coxe, Martha Diggs, Joshua Fraziar, Eva Lovetta, William Lucas, William Minor, W. H. Robinson, Nancy Tanner, Mary J. Winters, Nettie Richards, Mrs. Washington, Walker Stevenson, Charles Titus, L. V. Jones, Mrs. Titus, Sister Delaney, June Hill, J. S. Jackson, Martha Walls, Martha Sucket, Mary Dexter, Ida Richardson, Daniel Dorsey, Henry Boyd, Alice Boyd, Gertie Boyd, George Dexter, Lulu Tanner. The following paid fifty cents: Sister Woodyard, Annie Richardson, George Stevenson, Mary Slifer, Jennie Dorsey, Lizzie Chambers, Mary Jackson, Sister Price, Susan Jones, Thomas Chambers The following paid twenty-five cents: Frank Shields, Paul Jones, Brother Crampton, Mrs. Crampton. Laura Robinson and Lizzie Dorsey each paid one dollar.

OIL CITY.—George C. Sampson, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: M. W. Franklyn, Lida J. Franklyn, Lucinda Bryant,Peter Bryant, Gertrude French, Tempa Grey, Charles Simons, Susan Simons, Isaac Nueten, R. H. Mawn, Hannah Mawn, Ruth Hopkins, John Ashby, Jerry Williams, Levi Newsome, Alice Bolden, Andrew Bolden, Carrie Peterson, Annie Brice, Jennie Jackson, Matilda Moore, Cora Orberson, Noble Johnston, R. M. Green, Emma Hill, S. T. Lucas, Devo Bassett, Emma Hayes. The following persons paid fifty cents: Sarah Jenkins, Louisa Williams, Richard Hopkins, Westly Paul, Rosy Paul, Bell Jackson, Joseph Lancester, Josie Lancester, Vangy Gilmore, Bessie Lucas, Simon Vaughn, Elizabeth Bassett, Alice B. Hays, Nettie Myers. **Total, $35.00**

TITUSVILLE, PA.—George C. Sampson, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Mahalla A. Sampson, Frank Rakes, Emaline Hawkins, George Humphries, Charlotte Humphries, Henry Gaten, Annie L. White, James Rawlens, Jennie Rawlens, Laura Rawlens, William Hector, Catharine Hector, A. E. Jackson, Jane Neal, Mary J. Hartshorn, John Kenny, Annie M. Clark, Lida J. Robertson, Francis Johnson, George Grimes, David Ross. The following paid fifty cents: Annie D. Sampson, Sarah Samuels, Levi Samuels, Annie Neal, William Neal, Lavina Hartshorn, A. M. Riley, E. G. Riley, Maud Hartshorn, Elias Degraw, Elizabeth Degraw, Cassie Branix, John S. Clark, Julia A. Clark, M. Churchman, Mary Churchman. The following paid twenty-five cents: Georgetta Sampson, Emma C. Sampson. Martha D. Sampson paid one dollar. Total, $31.00. Grand total for Oil City nad Titusville, $66.00.

BROWNSVILLE, PA.—R. Brown, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Horace Johns, Julia Johns, Eliza Banks, Charles Banks, William Johns, Carrie Wheeler, B. R. A. Tilghman, Mary L. Bowden, Edward Johns, Charles E. Wheeler, Richard Jackson, John H. Yeats, Daniel Johns, George G. Bennet, Mary E. Black, Samuel Turner, Rebecca J. Barker, Lucinda Arnett, Charles Smothers,Martha A. Wheeler. Mary Turner paid ninety cents; Henry Cone paid sixty-five cents. The following persons paid fifty cents: E. M. Flood, Mrs. Rev. Brown, Reedie Flood, Janie Honesty, Charles S. Davis, Cornelia Bolden, Lucy Smith, Lucy A. Johns, Anna Mossett, Mattie Johns. Mary O. Gaines paid forty-five cents; Frances Lanon thirty cents; Maud Hilton, thirty cents. The following paid twenty-five cents each: Carline Bolden, Mary J. Sorrel, Joseph Fulton, Wilber Jones, Fred Smith, Anna M. Flood, Bell Alexander, Georgie Mossett, Elston Demus, Carl Johns, Elsie Dison. The following paid twenty cents each: Maggie Young, Louisa Mossett, Annie Jones, Lizzie Florence, Tamsom Simpson and Jane Check. The following paid ten cents each: Leslie Florence, Maud Davis, S. E. Workman, Mary Brady, Matilda Jackson, Isadora Honesty, William Striblings and Mary E. Lancaster. Florence Lerue paid 5 cents. Total, $32.40.

WEST NEWTON, PA.—T. J. Askew, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Charley R. Wares, Benjamin Brunson, Broden Biby, Irma Askew, Martha Brunson, Catharine Watkins, Oliva Durritt, Penny Griffin, Maggie Griffin, Fannie Wares, Alice Humbert, Eliza Kelley, M. E. Catling, Adderson Jetts. Lucy Liles paid seventy-five cents, Mary E. Miles paid sixty-five cents.

The following paid fifty cents: Jenny Scott, R. A. Long, Vachael Hatling, David Durritt, Dr. Vandike, Mary A. Sterling, Anna E. Bowman paid forty cents, Flora Isabella Askew paid ninety cents.

The following paid twenty cents: Mary F. Johnson, Mary A. L. Hill, C. H. Catling, M. M. Dick, Claraborn Gray, Brass Clark. Mrs. Lions paid ten cents, Mrs. W. A. Tansprager paid ten cents, Rebecca Mills paid ten cents, Alfred Docket paid five cents. Total, $21.40.

WEST ELIZABETH. T. J. Askew, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Lafayette Randolf, Joseph Randolf, Mary Brown, Amos Bazier, Monroe Randolf. The following paid fifty cents: Sarah Jones, Hattie Randolf, Emma Smith, Amanda Straters. C. H. Armstrong paid seventy-five cents, Effie Randolf, twenty-five cents, Patsey Randolf ten cents. Grand total, $29.50.

MONONGAHELA CITY, PA.—T. A. Green, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Clara Jones, John Turner, Scott Spencer, Etta Spencer. The following paid fifty cents: Maggie Furgeson, Chas. Catlin, Zode Kemper, Mattie Simmons, Mary B. Jones, Sarah Carter, Mores Jones, Mrs. Kemper, Fred Randolph, Peter Boman, L. Carter, R. Kemper, M. Kemper, R. B. Jones, Annie Jones, Sarah ————, Mary Anderson. Archie Steele paid forty-five cents, James Alexander paid thirty-five cents. Laura Steele paid one dollar. Total, $14.40.

MEADVILLE, PA.—Rev. P. A. Scott, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: G. M. Gillispie, Charles Allen, Frank Henry, David Lee, Rachael Jones, Cornelia D. Scott, Mahalie Graham, Julia Gardner, Hattie Pratt, Samuel Miller, Ellen Chinn. Mrs. Alice Gillespie paid eighty-five cents.

The following paid fifty-cents: Clara Maude Scott, Aunt Mary Henderson, Elias Allen, Matilda Green, Clara Miller, Mary Allen, Lena Henry, Alma Clark, Samuel Pratt, Lyda Gordon, Jane Sharp, Kate Scott, M. Bertha Pratt, Maggie Anderson, I. Jackson, Jennie Butler.

ERIE, St. James A. M. E. Church—Rev. P. A. Scott, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Ida Lawson, Maria Rector, Chas. Franklin, James Franklin, Daniel Eams, Matilda Avler, Charles Slow, Julia Johnson, A. A. Scott, Carrie Williams, Emma Franklin.

The following paid fifty cents: Anna Franklin, Nannie Rector, Rose Slow, Sarah Powers, Earnest Powers, Margaret Williams. Total, $33.85.

FRANKLIN—Rev. S. P. West, pastor, The following paid one dollar: C. W. Henderson, Thomas Miner, Seth Stevens, Jackson Jones, Douglas Fields, Alex Jackson, Alfred Simms, J. B. Dixon, Plummer Henderson, Emanuel Patterson, Lucinda Stevens, Anna Henderson, Rosana Carter, Maggie Carter, Eva Carter, Nannie Stevens, Martha Lawson, Daisy Lawson, Mayme Broxon, Julia Dixon, Dora West, Mary Fields, Mollie Fields, Nellie Nesbit, Priscilla Henderson, Eliza Burke, Amanda Scott.

The following paid fifty cents: Rev. James Lawson, Albert Lawson, David A. Lawson, Merit Graves, Angeline Lawson, Catharine Burgess, Sarah Lawson, Emma Jackson, Anna B. Lawson, Helen Lawson, Mrs. Emanuel Patterson, Henrietta Simms.

The following paid twenty-five cents: Charles Fields, Mary Carter, Elizabeth Jackson, May Simms, Laura Simms, Emma Clark, Rosa Nesbit, Katie Hicks, Marilla Hamilton.

NEW BRIGHTON.—I. B. Till, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Annie Wilson, Laura Leland, Amelia Jackson, Julia Webster, Edward Williams, Sarah Kisner, Annie Webb, Anthony Logan, James Webster, Katie Flenoy, Mary Simms, Elizabeth Dawson, Ida Rose, Georgia Webb, Elizabeth Webster, Charles Rose, Martha Sanders, Harriet Smith, Lucy Jackson, Vincy Stewart, Lucinda Reed, Alfred Jackson, Annie Sanders. Eva Porter paid fifty cents. Amanda Wells paid seventy-five cents. Total, $23.70.

ELIZABETH—B. Wheeler, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Maggie Norris, Nancy Pangburn, Matilda Sanders, Mary Redman, Dorcas B. Scott, Samuel Pangburn, Amanda Holmes, Sarah Pangburn, Geo. McFarland, Alice J. Batch, James W. Batch, Elizabeth Wheeler, Alfred W. Scott, Mariah Bryans, Anna Wheeler, Parthenia Haddot, Mary J. House, Hannah Davison, Thos. J. Davison, James H. Pangburn, Lillie Sanders, Anna Pangburn, Anna Simmon, Jane Martin.

The following persons paid fifty cents: Amanda Simmons, Workman Simmons, Luke Davison, Anna McFarland, Olive Martin, Amos Martin, Harriet Sanders, Elijah Pangburn, Francis Pangburn, Margaret Rice. Emma Davison paid twenty-five cents, Elizabeth Scott paid twenty-five cents, Ruth Davison paid fifteen cents, Tommy Davison and Hannah Davison each paid ten cents, cash fifteen cents. Total, $30.00.

UNIONTOWN, PA., St. Paul A. M. E. Church—Rev. J. N. Jeffries, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Mrs. Eliza Moxly, Robert Butler, Silas Carter, M. K. Catlin, Georgeana Smothers, Mrs. Fox, Elizabeth Chistom, Leole Coston, Emma Smothers, Emma Catlin, Alex Bett, Nancy Jackson, Henrietta Skinner, Elvina Skinner, Elizabeth Truly, Elizabeth Hugins, Henry Bolden, Kate Renolds, I. N. Skinner, W. A. Henry, Phillip Johnson, Lyddie Johnson, Belle Blue, Minerva Jenkins, Harold Thomas, William H. Thomas, Emily Grant, James Jackson, Lucinda Minor, M. J. Carter, Hattie Brown, Mary Haller, Phebe Payne, Isaac Jiles, Ida Jackson, Lucy Webster, Mary Boggus, Eli Truly, Ida Douglas, Dora Minor, C. A. Jenkins, Lida Flanagan, Elizabeth A. Jeffries, E. R. Catlin, Emma Moore. Mary Walker, Mrs. Alex. Belt paid seventy-five cents.

The following have paid fifty cents: Josephine Thomas, Emma

Bolden, Amanda Jackson, Geo. Warfield, Ida Bolden, Francis Dix, Sarah E. West, Hattie Bennett, Mary E. Chapman, Emma Henderson, Mary Palmer, Louise Palmer, M. E. Curry, Francis Young, Ella Hansberry, John Black, Virgia Jeffries, Cora Jenkins, Cassie Smothers, Margaret Burgis, Charles W. Thomas, Elizabeth Belt, Lizzie Jackson, Mrs. M. J. Carter, Eli Curry. Wm. Russel Chapman paid thirty cents, Rachell White Paid seventy-five cents.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents: Francis Cormelia Carter, Paul Quinn Carter, Lizzie West, Emma Campbell, P. C. Baxter, M. J. Carter, Cassie Smothers. Mary E. Truly paid ten cents, Lawrence Truly paid ten cents, George Ditcher paid five cents. Total, $61.55.

WEST BRIDGEWATER—J. J. Norris, pastor. The following named persons paid one dollar: Clarissa Ash, Nancy Evans, Lucy Tanner, Rachael Cole, Ethelda Reid, Harriet Butler, Julia Bolden, Ruth Webster, E. J. Awhorn, Sydney Freeman, Andrew Tanner, Ruth Patterson, Louis Ash. Catharine Harris paid two dollars.

The following paid fifty cents, Minnie Tanner, Maria Ash, Mary Bradley, Clara Freeman, Gracie Craighead, Dorothy Love, Marcella Butler, Matilda Sisco, Agnes Evans, Catharine Ford, Clara Ford, Bertha Overly, Malissa Hancock paid twenty-five cents. Total, $20.75.

CHARLEROI, PA., A. M. E. Church—G. W. Webster, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: John Richardson, Francis Richardson, John Reed, Nancy Reed, Henry Smith, Mary K. and Minnie Quila Smith, Robert Stewart, David Williams, Jennie Smith, Araminta Primas, Joseph Marsh, Elnora Davis, Julia Coats, Mrs. Paul Simpson, John Green.

The following paid fifty cents each: Robert Peyton, Josaphene Peyton, Spotwood Strouthers, Rose Strouthers, Belle Norris, Lydia Norris, Jennie Wanzie, Addison Willis, William Smith, Matilda Richardson, Daisy Flood, Isaac Smith. Lockwood Hughs paid thirty cents. The following paid twenty-five cents each: Jefferson Lewis, Matilda Lewis, Maggie Smith, Susan Jones, Addie Woodson, Miss Gwendolin Peyton, Master Robert Peyton, James Wilson, Mr. James Wilson and Mr. Teylor Coner all paid thirty-three cents each. Nancy I. Burell and Ephraim Norris paid one dollar each. Total, $27.05.

SEWICKLEY, PA.—J. P. Wallace, pastor. The following paid one dollar: L. A. Morris, John Dunger, John Cole, Mrs. Sarah Dunger, Fannie Anderson, Olive Brice, Julia Booth, Martha Brice, Henry Booth, Mrs. Layton Morris, Rosetta Brice, W. S. Anderson, Elizabeth Dickinson, Amy Jackson, Eliza Jones, Emma Burbridge, Mrs. Hays, Hannah Pryor, Rosie Jackson.

The following paid fifty cents: W. O. West, Mrs. W. O. West, Hannah Williams, J. P. Cox. Mabel Kemper and Rebecca Dunger paid twenty-five cents. Total, $21.50.

OLEAN, N. Y.—J. E. Morris, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: J. B. Olbey, Peter Williams, H. M. Marshall, Samuel Holiday, Mrs. Snowden, Susan Marshall, Mabel Barnes, W. W. Virginia, Mr. Stanton. Mr. Clemens paid seventy-five cents.

The following paid fifty cents: Carrie Rowe, A. E. Gilbert, Lizzie Gilbert, Charles Gilbert, S. E. Hill, Solomon Peterson. The following paid twenty-five cents: D. Peterson, Alice Brooks, George Wright, Mrs. Mabey, Mrs. Randal, S. E. Wright, Julia Borner, George Rowe, Cora Brooks, Irene Morris, Mahulda Morris, George Kiehle.

BELLE VERNON—Rev. T. A. J. West, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Sarah H .West, John Johnson, Harry Robisno, Sr., Henry Hill, Lucy Lockley, Pat Carrisson, Com Bowman, John Smothers, Howard Thomas, Thomas Barlow.

The following paid fifty cents: Emma Turner, Mattie Lockley, Annie Carrisson, Sr., Jane Lockley. The following paid twenty-five cents: Sarah Carrisson, Annie Carrison, Jr. Nancy Carrisson, Beckie Bowman, A. W. Robison, Andy Lockley. The following paid ten cents: Albert Turner, Sinda Robison, Harry Robison, Jr., Ida Carrisson, Bettie Johnson, Lizzie Johnson, Andrew Bowman, Isaac Lockley, Margaret West, Charlotte West, Goldie Johnson. Total, $14.60.

McKEESPORT, PA.—A. R. Palmer, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Sadie Gordon, Clara Derry, Levina Enty, Adam Golden, Will Thompson, Laura Golden, Anna Marshall.

BRADFORD, PA.—C. A. McGee, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Mrs. A. H. Smith, David Thornell, Mrs. D. Thornell, George Brown, Elizabeth Blackwell, A. J. Enty, William Enty, L. B. Thompson, Mrs. L. B. Thompson, Mrs. Catharine Draper, Sophia Collins, David Watkins, John W. Logan, Henry Smith, W. D. Lucas, Mrs. Sada Coleman, Martha Butler. The following paid fifty cents each: Monzella Lucas, Gay R. A. McGee, Agnes Curtis, Elizabeth Logan, Matilda Brown. Mable Alkin paid thirty-five cents; Martha Malone, twenty-five cents.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

WASHINGTON, PA.—St. Pauls A. M. E. Church, D. S. Bentley, pastor. The following persons have paid one dollar: Mrs. Sarah A. Bentley, Mrs. Sadie L. Bruce, Mr. T. B. Banks. Miss Levinia Beasley, Miss Clara Berry, Rev. R. H. Baker, Mrs. S. W. Alberts, Mrs. Lidia Cox, Mrs. Jane Caldwell, Mr. Timothy Chapman, Alfred Crockett, Sr., Mrs. Emma Kelly, Mrs. Lydia Walters,

S. G. Walters, Mrs. Elizabeth Monday, Mrs. Martha Williamson, Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, Mrs. Ruth Redmond, Miss Henrietta Hall, Miss Alice Kennel, Miss Laura Skinner, Miss Ella Mosebay, Miss Ella Nelson, Mrs. Henrietta Nelson, Mr. Charles Hall, Mr. Abram Berry, Mr. G. W. Derham, Mr. Robert Patterson, Miss Lina Patterson, Mr. Robert Price, Mr. Braxton Barber, Alfred Crockett, Jr., Libbie Skinner, Mrs. Minnie Crockett, Mr. Frank Cole, Mrs. Belle Freeman, Mrs. Josie Asbury, Mr. J. E. Asbury, Mr. I. E. Asbury, Mrs. Mary Crockett, Mrs. Jane Chapman, Mrs. Mary Matthews, Miss Anna Workman, Mrs. Elizabeth Berry, Miss Sadie Berry, Mrs. Martha Patterson, G. Cain, Jonathan Davis, Nancy Patterson, Samuel Shorters, Mrs. Annie Greenlea, Mrs. Rachael Skinner, Calvin Strawthers, Marcus Willis, Ella Brooks, Mrs. Annie Banks, C. H. Matthews.

The following paid fifty cents: Lula Baker, Mrs. Margaret Joiner, Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy, S. G. Walters, Christopher Patterson, Mrs. Anna Pearl, Amelia Skinnèr, George Baker, Mrs. Anna Highgate, Miss Ida Jackson. Those paying twenty-five cents are Misses Grace and Gertie Joiner.

CANONSBURG, PA.—Rev. C. Wright, pastor. The following persons have paid one dollar each: A. L. Lotterberry, M. Lotterberry, George K. Sluby, Lou Catline, Aaron Elijah Handle, Elvia Wheeler, Nancy Burges, Edward Malachia, S. A. Warfield, Sarah Cordeck, Elizabeth Washington, Alice Morgan, Joseph Norman, A. W. Bush, Zeba Vactor, Rachel Warfield, Rachel Wilson, Susan Terly, John E. Harper, Jennie Walls, A. J. Robinson, Warner Washington, William Thomas, Maggie Williams, C. H. Hill, Sadie Trisby, Alice Norman, C. Jackson, S. W. Albert, Jr., Lucy Davis, Christopher Davis, George Derham, Nannie Derham, Thomas Wheeler, Lotty Sluby, Moses Bush, Annie E. Bush, M. McCrosby, Jennie Sluby, A. S. Wright, L. H. Wright, M. H. Brown, Mansfield Brown, John A. Lotterberry, Ezekiel Betts.

The following paid seventy-five cents: Margaret Butcher, Lydia Wiliams. The following paid fifty cents: M. J. Hill, M. C. Hill, M. A. Bush, Sophia Harper, Maggie Thomas, Grant Henderson, Robert E. Adam, Margaret Turner, Jennie M. Walls, M. E. Wheeler, Nannie Robinson, John Walls, Cora Johnson, George Hayden, Nannie Hayden, Jane Burges, A. J. Bell, Joseph Butler, Mary S. Butler, Jane West, Jennie Burd, J. B. Henderson, Sarah Brown, Cornelia Praul, W. Johnson. The following paid twenty-five cents: Alonzo Marshall, John Morgan, Sarah Morgan, Millie Warfield. Total, $60.00

WHEELING.—R. H. Bumry, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: James H. Hunt, Martha Winters, Samuel Jennings, Lucinda Bradford, Dorcas Norris, Lizzie Jackson, Jennie Davis, Julia Johnson, Emma Harris, Lily Corsey, Zora Johns, Clarence Johns, Francis Maston, Ada Fletcher, Oscar Winters, David

Buckner, Sarah Wooden, Elizabeth Jackson, Gracie Patella, Janey Wood, William Wood, Lucinda West, Tillie Brodie, H. A. Davis, J. R. Bruin, Julia Williams, Martha Williams, Lucy Wood, Bessie Grant, Martha Early, Bazel Ray, Martha Lewis, Mausel Allensworth, Ellen Alevender, Ira Johns, Bell Barnett, Alberta Alevander, Milford Wallace, Jennie Bumry, Sarah Lotterberry, Blanche Harris, Mattie Weaver, Peter Augustus, Julia Q. Bruin, Rev. H. I. Williams.

The folowing paid fifty cents: Hattie Carpenter, Vedar Early, Martha Moore, Myers Carpenter, Mamie Brady, Mary Johnson, Eliza Glascoe, Maggie Davis, John Grant, Anderson Smith, Mary Anderson. Lillian V. Johns and Lucy Holly paid twenty-five cents.

WAYNESBURG.—A. M. E. Church, Rev. Daniel Newsome, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Catharine Workman, Martha Ferrell, John Stewart, William T. Baker, A. A. Bruce, Rev. Daniel Newsome, pastor, Fannie Syrus.

The following persons paid fifty cents: Emma Baker, Catharine Manly, Arlinne Newsome, Delilah Suttles, Elizabeth Heckey, C. S. Hickey paid sixty cents. Anna Bruce paid sixty cents.

The following paid: Halley Hickey, 7 cents; Anna Hickey, 40 cents; Rettie Hickey, 7 cents; Mary Stewart, 5 cents; Nancy McCullough, 5 cents; Sarah A. Baker, 55 cents; Effie McDonald, 2 cents; Wilbert Tate, 20 cents; John Straughter, 15 cents; Wilbia M. Newsome, 25 cents; Martha Stewart, 4 cents; Daisy Beckwith, 1 cent; Ida McDonal, 1 cent; Hattie Tate, 5 cents; Anna Baker, 1 cent; Venzella Newsome, 25 cents; Suda Bruce, 5 cents; by collections, $2.07. Total, $15.00.

WEST MIDDLETON, PA.—Daniel Cole, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: C. J. Bozier, Jennie Patterson, Lina Patterson, E. J. Umpry, Sofa Payne, Alexander Brooks, Martha Harris, Alice Dunlap, John Payne, William Dunlap. Rebecca Brown paid fifty cents; Sofie Payne paid fifty cents. Total, $11.00.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—T. B. Jessups, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Frank Bartlett, Washington Madison. The following persons paid fifty cents: Catharine Taylor, John Bartlett, Minnie Grant, Moshia Lottbey. Sallie Bartlett and Ellen Jones each paid twenty-five cents. Amos Toossonlot Bartlett and Hazel Grant each paid ten cents. Total, $4.70.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.—W. H. Pride, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Eliza Frazier, Anna Ogden, Maggie Lacey, Sophia Lee, Minerva Ashby, Allen Lee, Julia Ross, Agnes Ogden, Flora Giles. The following persons paid fifty cents each: Mary Grayson, Willa Lee, Grace Lee Pride, Viona Robinson. Total, $13.00.

CEREDO, W. VA.—O. R. Williams, pastor. The following members paid fifty cents each: G. W. Dickerson, R. Williams. The following persons paid twenty five cents each: Mattie Nash, Mary Dickerson, Elisha Ward, William Lease, William Harrison, Mattie Fonger, Maria Harris, Thomas McGill, A. Loar, Mary J. Payne, William Dickerson, John Nash. The following paid: Mollie Dickerson, 15 cents; Jessie Payne, 10 cents; A. M. Jones, 10 cents; Maria Dickerson, 10 cents; E. C. Mullen, 5 cents; Victoria Justice, 5 cents; Leo Loar, 1 cent. Total amount, $4.56.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.—A. M. E. Church, Sandy Christian, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: John Edwards, Martha Holt, Sarah Edwards, Elizabeth Christian. The following paid fifty cents each: Emma Collins, Nannie Johnson. Total, $5.00.

WESTON MISSION.—A. Smothers, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Granville Lee, Mary Perkins, Betty Johnson, Mrs. A. Smothers, Maggie Lacy, Flora Brown, Mary Perkins, Patrick Lacy, Maria Perkins. The following paid fifty cents: Ellen Martin, Ada Martin.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—A. M. E. Church, Rev. F. D. Taylor, pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: George A. Moss, William J. Meares, Louise Taylor, Ella Lark. The following persons paid fifty cents: Prof. C. W. Boyd, Robert Hamlin, S. P. Preston, William O. Lee, Nancy Mitchell; Mary Lewis. Maggie Calhourn paid twenty-five cents. Total, $7.25.

McGOVERN, PA.—E. McKnight, pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Mrs. McKnight,Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Nellie Brown, Miss Lizzie Stephenson, Earl McKnight. The following paid fifty cents each: Robert Brown, Samuel Dungie, William Johnson, Frank Brown, Jennie Burgess, Mary Tailor, Eddie Dungie, Lottie Dungie, Mr. Hopkins, Thos. Johnson. Thomas Johns paid twenty-five cents.

NUMERICAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—Pittsburg District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Persons Converted.	Accessions.	Members in Charge.	Probationers.	Exhorters.	Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies.	Church Auxiliary Societies	Churches.	Parsonages.	Day School Houses.	Seating Capacity of Churches.
Bethel A. M. E. Ch., Wylie Ave.	John W. Gazaway, D. D.	7	31	500	18	.....	1	3	2	1	...	.....	750
East End, Pittsburg	Walter S. Lowry	121	100	217	57	.....	3	2	9		3	.....	600
Williamsport	David F. Caliman	6	8	156	6	.....	1	3	2	1	1	.....	500
Wilkes-Barre	W. C. Goens.	29	20	75	20	1	3	2	3	1	1	.....	260
Scranton	H. A. Grant	7	.....	78	7	...	1	2	1	1	1	.....	300
Altoona	W. N. Young	6	11	25	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	250
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	7	9	60	....	.....	1	2	3	1	.....	.....	250
New Haven	S. A. Lewis	31	21	93	7	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	200
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	....	6	43	1	.....	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	350
Lewistown	J. S. Eaton	7	13	17	1	...	3	...	1	2	.....	.....	300
Philipsburg	R. M. Henderson	.....	.....	26	.....	1	1	1	.....	2	...	.....	400
Bedford	F. E. Bowser	.....	8	23	2	1	1	1	1	1	....	.....	350
Montrose	J. W. Brown	1	2	20	1	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	700
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	4	2	27	1	.....	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	125
Scottdale	S. A. Lewis	.....	12	12	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Homestead	G. G. Skinner	10	7	41	6	.....	2	1	4	1	.....	.....	300
Tyrone Mission	A. E. Waldon	13	3	15	1	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	250
Milton Mission	Chas. N. Butts	8	1	18	1	1	.....	1	.....	2	1	.....	150
Pittston Mission	W. C. Goens, Supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lock Haven	Chas. Garner	1	.....	31	1	.....	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	500
Duquesne	H. G. Thomas	3	11	37	3	....	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	200
Bloomsburg	Chas. N. Butts	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	150
Everett	J. P. Stephens	4	4	16	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125
	Total	265	256	1,540	135	5	25	30	36	26	7	.....	7,010

NUMERICAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—Allegheny District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Persons Converted.	Accessions.	Members in Charge.	Probationers.	Exhorters.	Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies.	Church Auxiliary Societies.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Day School Houses.	Seating Capacity of Churches.
Brown's Chapel	R. H. Morris	72	103	294	28	.....	6	2	7	1	.....	.....	500
Chartier's, Allegheny	R. Tanner	15	12	67	6	.....	1	2	2	1	1	.....	250
S. S. Pittsburg	M. S. Jones	7	4	35	1	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	200
Monongahela City	T. A. Green	46	51	105	2	.....	4	2	3	1	.....	.....	400
Brownsville	R. Brown	8	6	101	.....	.....	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	355
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	19	14	166	4	1	1	2	10	1	.....	.....	300
New Brighton	I. B. Till	4	4	52	2	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	300
Meadville Circuit	P. A. Scott	24	8	70	5	2	.....	2	3	2	.....	.....	350
Franklin	S. P. West	1	1	29	3	.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	300
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	7	12	111	2	1	2	2	3	2	1	.....	550
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	1	1	86	.....	.....	1	2	4	1	1	.....	225
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	3	4	38	2	.....	1	2	3	1	.....	.....	300
Bradford	C. A. McGee	12	13	30	6	.....	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	200
Olean	J. E. Morris	9	7	18	.....	.....	1	1	2	1	1	.....	150
West Newton	T. J. Askew	18	23	57	2	.....	.....	3	2	2	.....	.....	250
Belleview		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleroi	Geo. W. Webster	6	6	21	.....	.....	.....	1	3	1	.....	.....	150
Sewickley	J. P. Wallace	6	10	29	2	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	125
McKeesport	A. R. Palmer	5	5	29	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	200
Bellvernon	T. A. J. West	10	21	21	7	.....	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....
	Total	273	305	1,375	72	4	21	32	54	22	5	.....	5,105

NUMERICAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—Wheeling District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Persons Converted.	Accessions.	Members in Charge.	Probationers.	Exhorters.	Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies.	Church Auxiliary Societies.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Day School Houses.	Seating Capacity of Churches.
Wheeling, W. Va.	R. H. Bumry	4	12	48	4	.....	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	400
Washington	D. S. Bentley, D. D.	11	29	185	18	.....	1	2	3	1	1	.....	600
Cannonsburg	Carter Wright	3	15	151	5	.....	1	2	4	1	1	.....	250
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	3	3	28	2	2	.....	1	5	1	.....	.....	400
Clarksburg	W. H. Pride	1	2	50	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	1	.....	300
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	12	12	25	.....	2	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	250
Weston	Alexander Smothers	10	5	22	.....	.....	1	1	.....	2	1	.....	450
West Middletown	D. G. Cole	1	.....	32	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	300
McGovern Mission	Eli McKnight	6	6	16	6	.....	.....	1	3	1	.....	.....	300
Beverly	Elijah Bazier	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	150
Boone Mission	M. C. Harris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seredo	O. R. Williams	7	8	16	6	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	125
Charleston	F. D. Taylor	.....	21	21	1	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	250
Stout's Mills	L. A. Barber	6	6	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	200
Parkersburg	C. E. Williams	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	250
Wheeling District	Total	64	117	657	44	6	4	13	22	17	6	.....	4,225
Pittsburg District	Total	265	256	1,540	135	5	25	31	36	26	7	.....	7,010
Allegheny District	Total	273	305	1,359	72	4	21	32	54	22	5	.....	5,105
	Grand Total	602	678	3,556	251	15	50	76	112	65	18	.....	16,240

MONEY COLLECTED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.—Pittsburg District.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Easter—P. H. and F. Mission Fund.	Woman's Mite Fund.	Allen's Day Fund.	Endowment Day.	Payne Theological Seminary.	S. S. Union Children's Day.	Church Extension and Children's Day.	Bible Cause.	Contingent.	Special Missionary Collection.	Totals.
Bethel A. M. E. Ch., Wylie Ave.	J. W. Gazaway	$189 22	$63 26	$76 35	$5 26	$60 85	$6 31	$10 28	$10 29	.....	$ 19 00	$73 00	.....
Euclid Avenue	W. S. Lowry	94 25	85 80	46 88	5 00	27 00	.....	7 40	7 40	1 00	106 91	173 57	$370 00
Williamsport	D. F. Caliman	107 25	25 00	21 50	3 00	30 00	10 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	11 00	218 75
Wilkes-Barre	W. C. Goens	26 75	10 00	11 25	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	58 00
Scranton	H. A. Grant	47 00	16 50	2 00	.....	10 65	10 31	3 75	3 75	50	1 00	.....	95 46
Altoona	W. N Young	16 75	1 50	25	.....	5 00	.....	4 10	4 10	60	25	.....	31 80
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	50 25	15 52	6 50	.....	7 19	4 40	5 08	5 08	1 00	2 00	.....	96 82
New Haven	S. A. Lewis	28 70	18 44	4 55	.....	25 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	87 69
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	22 00	5 00	4 00	.....	5 00	.....	2 50	2 50	25	25	.....	41 50
Lewistown	J. S. Eaton	3 00	1 26	.....	.....	50	.....	1 50	1 50	.....	50	.....	8 38
Philipsburg	R. M. Henderson	12 45	4 33	5 60	.....	10 20	.....	2 55	2 59	10	50	.....	38 32
Bedford	F. E. Bowser	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 15
Montrose	J. N. Brown	21 15	1 55	2 00	.....	1 75	1 26	1 72	1 72	38	50	.....	32 03
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	23 25	3 25	9 00	3 00	4 00	8 92	1 00	1 00	50	75	.....	54 67
Scottdale	S. A. Lewis	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Homestead	G. G. Skinner	16 50	.....	2 67	.....	4 50	.....	2 50	2 50	50	1 00	.....	30 17
Tyrone	A. E. Waldon	11 00	6 79	2 00	1 00	4 50	.....	2 50	2 50	1 00	60	.....	31 80
Milton	C. N. Butts	9 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	50	50	.....	50	.....	12 50
Lock Haven	Chas. Garner	16 00	4 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	68	68	50	50	.....	24 54
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duquesne	H. G. Thomas	18 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	.....	19 50
Everett	J. P. Stephens	8 00	12 56	.....	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	31 56
McConnelsburg	Cyrus Young	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	$612 52	$275 78	$195 55	$17 26	$210 29	$31 20	$59 12	$59 26	$8 67	$138 85	$257 57	.....

MONEY COLLECTED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.—Allegheny District.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Easter—P. H. and F. Missionary Fund.	Woman's Mite Fund.	Allen's Day Collection.	Endowment Day.	Payne Theological Seminary.	S. S. Union Children's Day.	Church Extension and Children's Day.	Bible Cause.	Contingent.	Special Missionary Collection.	Totals.
Brown's Chapel	R. H. Morris	$132 40	$36 10	$64 04	$3 00	$25 00	$7 02	$6 00	$6 00	$1 00	$10 53		$291 06
Chartiers, Allegheny	R. Tanner	43 00	5 50	23 51	3 00	3 00	4 00	2 15	2 14	50	5 20		91 90
S. S. Pittsburg	M. S. Jones	12 60		7 00		6 05		1 15	1 16	30	2 25		30 51
Monongahela	T. A. Green	14 50		5 00		4 00		3 04	3 03	50	1 00		31 07
Brownsville	R. Brown	32 40	9 11	13 53		6 14	2 40	2 36	2 36	1 07	1 53		70 90
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	61 55	9 40	25 80		6 90	7 12	8 52	8 52	74	85		129 40
New Brighton	I. B. Till	23 70	5 00	1 00		5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	50	25		44 45
Meadville	P. A. Scott	33 85	3 00	2 31	2 65	3 25		4 63	4 63	56	75		55 53
Franklin	S. P. West	35 25	8 00	1 00		0 00	2 00	1 65	1 65	50	1 50		61 55
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	65 00	41 73	24 00		26 60		4 56	4 56	2 00	2 00		170 45
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	27 10	11 35	52 28		7 65	5 00	3 00	3 00	50	1 02		110 90
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	20 75	6 00	13 45		10 40		4 00	4 00	50	1 00		60 10
Bradford	C. A. McGee	20 10	2 51	2 25	2 90	2 07	3 00			50	2 00		35 33
Olean, N. Y.	J. E Morris	15 75	5 50	1 50		1 50	1 50	50	50	25	50		27 50
West Newton	T. J. Askew	29 50	9 35	9 21	2 25	3 00		4 00	4 00	50	1 50		63 31
Bellevue													
Charleroi	Geo. W. Webster	27 05	8 50	1 46		3 20		2 50	2 50	25	25		45 71
Sewickley	J. P. Wallace	21 50	2 00		1 00	2 79				25	1 50		29 29
McKeesport	A. R. Palmer	7 00	4 06	2 40				37	37				14 20
Bellvernon	T. A. J. West	14 60	10 02	2 00		4 00		2 50	2 50	60			36 22
	Total	$736 60	$176 13	$241 74	$15 10	$117 15	$37 04	$51 92	$51 92	$11 02	$35 22		

MONEY COLLECTED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.—Wheeling District.

Charges.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Easter—F. H. and F. Mission Fund.	Woman's Mite Fund.	Allen's Day Collection.	Endowment Day.	Payne Theological Seminary.	S. S. Union Children's Day.	Church Extension and Children's Day.	Bible Cause.	Contingent.	Special Missionary Collection.	Totals.
Wheeling, W. Va.	R. H. Bumry	$51 00	$10 00	$14 00	$2 00	$ 8 65	.....	$2 55	$2 55	$1 00	$2 00	.....	$ 93 75
Washington	D. S. Bentley	64 50	37 40	.....	2 00	25 00	$26 00	7 50	7 50	1 50	3 00	$32 25	206 65
Cannonsburg	C. Wright	60 00	35 00	18 54	.....	36 62	3 00	7 69	7 69	2 00	2 00	.....	172 36
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsome	15 00	11 88	1 00	1 27	6 34	2 50	3 75	3 75	75	1 40	.....	47 64
Clarksburg	W. H. Pride	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	26 00
Morgantown	S. Christian	5 00	.....	.....	.....	50	....	1 88	1 88	25	75	.....	10 26
Weston	A. Smothers	10 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 25	.....	1 38	1 38	20	60	.....	17 81
West Middletown	D. G. Cole	11 00	8 84	.....	.....	3 00	.....	1 50	1 50	30	1 25	.....	27 39
McGovern	Eli McKnight	10 25	.....	1 00	.....	50	....	45	45	.....	40	.....	13 05
Beverly	Elijah Bazier	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	75	75	.....	....	.....	2 50
Boone	M. C. Harris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seredo	O. R. Williams	4 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 31
Charleston	F. D. Taylor	7 25	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	8 25
Stouts Mills	L. A. Barber	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Parkersburg	C. E. Williams	4 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 70
Wheeling District	Total.	$258 01	$105 62	$ 34 54	$ 5 27	$ 81 43	$31 50	$27 36	$27 36	$ 6 90	$ 15 15	$ 45 25	.....
Pittsburg District	Total	611 52	275 78	195 55	17 26	210 29	31 20	59 12	59 26	8 67	138 80	257 57	.....
Allegheny District	Total	736 60	176 13	241 74	15 10	117 15	37 04	51 93	51 92	11 02	35 22	.....	.....
	Grand Total	$1606 13	$557 53	$472 03	$37 63	$408 45	$99 74	$138 41	$138 54	$26 34	$189 23	$302 82	$4022 36

MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES.—Pittsburg District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elder's Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	Presiding Elder's Traveling Expenses.	Purchasing and Repairing Building.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	Charitable Purposes.	From Church Extension Board.	Total for all Purposes.
Bethel A. M. E. Ch., Wylie Ave.	John W. Gazaway	$1200 00	$180 00	$40 00	.....	$ 125 00	$1384 49	$15 00	$146 35	....	$6531 73
East End	W. S. Lowry	1000 00	100 00	60 00	$20 00	1800 00	300 00	25 00	20 00	$100 00	4452 00
Williamsport	D. F. Caliman	800 00	88 00	.....	.....	355 79	429 00	20 10	23 00	.....	2020 39
Wilkes-Barre	W. C. Goens	470 00	52 95	35 00	3 10	400 00	185 29	6 25	10 00	.....	1221 09
Scranton	H. A. Grant	800 00	48 00	9 00	4 00	125 00	200 00	25 00	23 00	.....	1344 46
Altoona	W. N. Young	140 00	36 00	.....	....	50 00	81 50	1 00	25 00	.....	365 30
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	509 70	36 00	14 34	.....	351 77	351 77	.....	15 45	.....	1045 58
New Haven	S. A. Lewis	496 94	40 00	10 16	4 00	121 16	143 98	1 50	5 00	.....	822 74
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	294 00	18 50	1 85	2 00	126 69	.....	.....	.....	.....	480 09
Lewistown	J. S. Eaton	108 00	15 65	.....	.....	73 84	3 00	3 40	.....	.....	215 85
Philipsburg	R. M. Henderson	192 56	19 81	.....	.....	.....	72 48	.....	4 85	.....	327 59
Bedford	J. E. Bowser	46 00	12 00	.....	.....	63 13	71 23	10 00	.....	.....	197 51
Montrose	J. W. Brown	260 42	32 76	35 77	1 85	56 50	54 62	.....	11 15	.....	468 07
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	252 29	32 00	.....	4 00	83 97	149 59	19 50	3 22	.....	617 68
Scottdale	S. A. Lewis	25 89	2 00	.....	.....	.....	73 50	8 75	.....	.....	110 14
Homestead	G. G. Skinner	393 00	24 00	.....	4 00	360 00	86 00	26 00	8 60	50 00	951 60
Tyrone	A. E. Waldon	230 00	12 00	15 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7 96	.....	504 44
Milton	C. N. Butts	172 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	2 00	.....	.....	269 05
Pittston	W. C. Goens, Supply	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lock Haven	Chas. Garner	142 56	16 99	2 00	1 40	3 75	68 44	4 00	.....	.....	262 72
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	.....	.....	3 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Everett	J. P. Stephens	58 83	13 50	34 24	3 00	94 42	64 00	8 00	1 63	.....	245 15
Duquesne	H. G. Thomas	190 09	16 00	15 00	3 50	365 10	.....	.....	3 00	.....	592 60
	Total	$7682 19	$814 16	$275 36	$55 75	$4556 12	$3741 81	$176 59	$314 21	$150 00	$22060 78

MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES.—Allegheny District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elder's Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	Presiding Elder's Traveling Expenses.	Purchasing and Repairing Building.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	Charitable Purposes.	From Church Extension Board.	Total for all Purposes.
Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	$1025 54	$122 67	.....	.....	$421 40	$585 86	$118 90	$87 05	.....	$3352 04
Chartiers, Allegheny	Richard Tanner	795 00	53 00	.....	1 60	50 00	94 00	3 00	10 00	.....	1406 11
S. S. Pittsburg	M. S. Jones	275 80	29 00	.....	2 00	63 53	50 00	25 00	.....	.....	360 21
Monongahela	T. A. Green	4 4 00	31 70	$25 00	.....	15 00	65 15	.....	13 30	.....	909 77
Brownsville	Richard Brown	423 57	49 64	9 25	.....	.....	96 40	9 32	3 78	.....	658 45
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	865 00	48 00	23 00	6 75	1027 40	118 76	27 65	12 20	$200 00	2231 41
New Brighton	I. B. Till	434 94	48 00	3 53	96	.....	455 78	.....	.....	.....	952 68
Meadville	P. A. Scott	625 00	60 00	.....	12 33	650 00	230 00	7 00	16 61	.....	1650 26
Franklin	S. P. West	472 00	32 00	3 30	6 55	192 33	16 01	1 40	5 00	.....	717 12
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	800 00	60 00	.....	8 00	880 42	143 96	10 20	8 00	....	2190 06
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	575 00	46 00	.....	2 40	.....	137 77	3 00	1 90	....	916 25
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	326 70	40 00	6 00	4 00	50 00	150 00	5 00	11 50	.....	653 49
Bradford	C. A. McGee	390 00	24 00	14 00	3 00	183 00	109 79	6 00	41 75	.....	785 45
Olean	J. E. Morris	482 50	24 00	25 00	6 00	72 40	73 90	.....	5 69	.....	743 00
West Newton	T. J. Askew	450 70	41 00	.....	4 00	.....	150 75	8 00	13 00	.....	674 41
Belleview		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleroi	Geo. N. Webster	195 00	14 00	.....	3 00	.....	109 00	15 00	200 00	.....	443 71
Sewickley	J. P. Wallace	410 00	20 00	2 50	2 40	225 05	80 00	2 50	.....	.....	828 49
McKeesport	A. R. Palmer	400 00	28 00	30 25	.....	47 45	16 00	3 00	.....	.....	553 00
Bellvernon	T. A. J. West	234 11	17 70	.....	.....	140 00	.....	.....	7 50	.....	715 94
	Total	$9542 86	$788 71	$144 83	$62 97	$4017 98	$2653 13	$214 37	$239 48	$200 00	$20549 44

MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES—Wheeling District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Pastor's Support.	Presiding Elder's Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	Presiding Elder's Traveling Expenses.	Purchasing and Repairing Building.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	Charitable Purposes.	From Church Extension Board.	Total for all Purposes.
Wheeling, W. Va.	R. H. Bumery	$600 00	$40 00	.....	$8 00	$426 35	$216 23	$ 20 82	$14 70	.....	$1417 20
Washington	D. S. Beutley	892 85	84 50	.....	.....	137 00	159 26	450 00	64 04	.....	2992 80
Cannonsburg	Carter Wright	650 00	60 00	.....	.....	15 36	160 00	230 00	.....	.....	1505 48
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsom	510 00	40 00	.....	.....	75 30	60 00	15 35	5 25	.....	1150 75
Clarksburg	W. H. Pride	127 80	26 44	.....	.....	82 40	19 49	44 40	9 75	.....	246 39
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	75 00	14 00	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	375 45
Weston	A. Smothers	153 00	19 50	$28 00	.....	473 50	4 15	3 75	.....	.....	691 14
West Middletown	D. G. Cole	84 50	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	146 00
McGovern	Eli McKnight	200 00	20 00	.....	.....	600 00	77 00	5 00	7 50	.....	909 50
Beverly	Elijah Bazier	75 00	36 16	24 50	.....	121 60	121 60	111 00	13 00	.....	502 86
Boone Mission	M. C. Harris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seredo	O. R. Williams	30 00	.....	20 00	5 00	106 00	10 00	55 00	.....	.....	236 00
Charleston	D. F. Taylor	250 60	13 00	10 00	65	600 00	46 00	27 72	17 00	.....	1187 37
Stouts Mills, W. Va	L. A. Barber	59 00	.....	.....	.....	160 35	1 50	.....	.....	.....	222 85
Parkersburg, W. Va.	C. E. Williams	10 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	36 50
Wheeling District	Total	$3717 75	$385 60	$108 30	$13 65	$3077 86	$885 23	$963 04	$121 74	.....	$10630 39
Pittsburg District	Total	7656 30	812 16	275 36	55 75	4556 12	3668 39	167 84	314 21	$150 00	22950 64
Allegheny District	Total	9542 86	788 71	144 83	62 97	4017 98	2653 13	214 37	239 48	200 00	29549 44
	Grand Total	$20916 91	$1986 47	$528 49	$132 27	$11651 96	$7206 75	$1345 25	$675 43	$350 00	$54130 47

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATISTICS—Pittsburg District.

Charges.	Pastors.	For Support of Sunday School.	For All Missions by Sunday School.	Educational Funds by Sunday School.	Sunday School Union by Sunday School.	Church Extension by Sunday School.	Total Collected by Sunday School.	Value of Sunday School Property.	Indebtedness of Sunday School.	Balance in Sunday School Treasury.	No. Allen Endeavor Soc.	Amount Collected by the Society.	No. in the Society.	Christian Rec. Taken.	Southern C. Readers	Quarterly Reviews.	Voice of Missions.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Bethel A. M. E. Ch....	John W. Gazaway.....	$100 00	$14 60	$41 45	$4 99	.....	$213 88	$200 00	.....	$73 05	1	$10 24	130	6	1	2	12	4	11	11	30
Euclid Ave	W. S. Lowry.....	30 00	15 60	14 00	1 00	$1 00	61 60	10 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	124	7		1	4	47	20	1	3
Williamsport	D. F Caliman.....	55 00	18 00	14 00	2 00	2 00	91 00	25 50	.....	12 53	.....	.....		14	1	1	1		2	4	3
Wilkes-Barre.....	W. C. Goens.....	47 29	3 31	2 00	.....	.....	52 60	175 00	20	.....	.....	.....		3		2	1		4	1	1
Scranton.....	H. A. Grant.....	.....	7 00	5 00	3 75	3 75	19 50	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....		2		1	3	2	3	6	4
Altoona.....	W. N. Young.....	26 09	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	32 09	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....		2		1	1		3		2
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson.....	79 67	12 25	.....	.....	.....	87 92	.....	.....	2 50	1	.....	43	6					6		1
New Haven.....	S. A. Lewis.....	36 82	29 39	.....	5 00	5 00	66 21	.....	.....	3 10	.....	.....						2	4	1	2
Braddock.....	S. C. Honesty.....	14 71	1 00	1 00	50	50	17 71	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....							2	1	
Lewistown.....	J. S. Eaton	9 35	1 25	50	1 56	.....	15 41	10 50	.....	1 12	.....	.....		1					1	1	
Philipsburg.....	R. M. Henderson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		2		1	1		5	1	10
Bedford.....	F. E. Bowser.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	103 86	.....	.....	.....	.....									
Montrose.....	J. W. Brown.....	5 54	65	3 41	55	55	10 50	30 00	.....	70	.....	1 00		4		1					
Greensburg.....	O. T. Davis	11 28	7 60	5 00	1 50	1 50	26 28	75 00	.....	1 05	1	1 02	15	1		1	1	1	3		
Scottdale.....	S. A. Lewis.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....									
Homestead.....	G. G. Skinner.....	9 04	.....	50	50	50	10 54	8 00	.....	58	.....	.....		1				1	1	2	1
Tyrone	A. E. Waldon.....	3 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....									
Milton	C. N. Butts.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		1							2
Lock Haven.....	Chas. Garner.....	2 27	4 50	.....	3 50	3 50	14 77	.....	.....	3 27	.....	.....		1			1	2	7	1	7
Bloomsburg.....	C. N. Butts.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....									
Duquesne.....	H. G. Thomas.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....									
Everett.....	J. P. Stephens.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	.....	.....		1		1		2	8	1	
	Total..	$449 08	$117 55	$83 86	$25 85	$24 29	$726 01	$608 50	20	$102 90	3	$17 26	282	59	2	12	23	61	81	37	78

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATISTICS—Allegheny District.

Pastors.	Charges.	For Support of Sunday School.	For All Missions by Sunday School.	Educational Funds by Sunday School.	Sunday School Union by Sunday School.	Church Extension by Sunday School.	Total Collected by Sunday School.	Value of Sunday School Property.	Indebtedness of Sunday School.	Balance in Sunday School Treasury.	No. Allen Endeavor Soc.	Amount Collected by the Society.	No. in Society.	Christian Rec. Taken.	Southern C. Readers.	Quarterly Reviews.	Voice of Missions.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Brown's Chapel	R. H. Morris	$437 14	$33 26	$ 7 75	$2 50	$2 50	$451 14	$448 00		$383 56	1	$46 55	150	7		1	3	41	19	10	27
Chartiers St. Church	R. Tanner	38 68	7 00	2 00	2 15	2 14	47 68	15 00		46				5		1	1	1	9		1
S. S. Pittsburg	M. S. Jones	7 00	1 48	2 00	1 15	1 16				1 05									2		
Monongahela	T. A. Green	26 70		6 07	3 04	3 03	24 00	3 00	5 00	3 63				1				46			2
Brownsville	R. Brown	39 45	2 46	3 79	1 16	1 16		75 00		60				1		1	1	4	5	1	3
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	9 74	5 89							3 81	1		46	11		1	1	11			
New Brighton	I. B. Till	8 94	3 00	1 00	1 00		11 94	14 94									1		8	1	1
Meadville	P. A. Scott	36 15	4 21	1 25	4 00	4 00	49 51	31 00		11 33				3	2	1	2		4	4	10
Franklin	S. P. West	12 27	5 25	3 00	82	82	18 82	10 00		6 27	1	1 32	12	2				1			
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	76 90	15 47	10 00	1 42	1 43	103 22							11		1	1	1	3	2	5
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	28 82	11 25	4 65	1 50	1 50	18 90			1 65	1			1		1					
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	18 00	7 05				25 05			2 00				1		1	1	1	6	2	1
Bradford	C. A. McGee	40 00		1 06	5 22	5 22	51 50	12 00						3			2	3	3	2	
Olean, N. Y.	J. E. Morris	8 65	5 44				14 09				1	2 00	25	16				2		1	3
West Newton	T. J. Askew	21 00	8 00	2 31	1 13	1 12	32 56	15 00		7 00				3				8	6		
Bellevue																					
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	15 00					15 00	5 00		3 80				1			2	3		1	2
Sewickley	J. P. Wallace	34 04	3 55	10 00	1 50	1 50	50 63	25 00			2	58 40	38	6		1		1	4		
McKeesport	A. R. Palmer									12 45				1					4	1	
Bellvernon	T. A. J. West		10 02	4 00	2 50	2 50	19 15			1 28	1	5 85	27	1			6	8	1	1	10
	Total	$812 48	$133 33	$58 88	$28 09	$28 08	$981 69	$645 90	$5 00	$432 69	8	$113 12	298	74	2	9	22	31	75	26	65

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATISTICS—Wheeling District.

Charges.	Pastors.	For Support of Sunday School.	For All Missions by Sunday School.	Educational Funds by Sunday School.	Sunday School Union by Sunday School.	Church Extension by Sunday School.	Total Collected by Sunday School.	Value of Sunday School Property.	Indebtedness of Sunday School.	Balance in Sunday School Treasury.	No. Allen Endeavor Soc.	Amount Collected by the Society.	No. in Society.	Christian Rec. Taken.	Southern C. Readers.	Quarterly Reviews.	Voice of Missions.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Wheeling, W. Va.	R. H. Bumry	$ 16 82	$ 5 00	$ 2 65	$1 15	$1 15	$ 29 79	$ 75 00			1	$4 00	30	2		1	1	2	8	8	1
Washington	D. S. Bentley, D. D.	121 50	28 58	15 61	7 50	7 50	166 19	115 00		$44 84	1	5 16	25	4		1	1	12	9	2	
Cannonsburg	Carter Wright	58 15	15 88	3 00	5 81	3 00	130 00	100 00		8 69	1	3 00	53	4		1	1	1	12	2	15
Waynesburg	Daniel Newsome	2 50	7 10	1 50	1 00	1 00	25 30	10 00			1	1 00	8	4		1	1			3	4
Clarksburg	W. H. Pride	8 99	3 27				18 44	95 00		1 20				1		1	1		2	1	
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	6 00			1 88	1 88								1					1	2	2
Weston	Alexander Smothers			50	38	38	10 50			1 48											
West Middletown	D. G. Cole	5 00																			
McGovern Mission	Eli McKnight	9 41			40	40	9 41			3 31									2	1	1
Beverly	Elijah Bazier	17 00					17 00			4 00				1				6	8	3	3
Boone Mission	M. C. Harris																				
Seredo	O. R. Williams	2 28					24 48														
Charleston	F. D. Taylor	8 41					8 41	5 00		1 22				5	1	1					
Stout's Mills	L. A. Barber										8										1
Parkersburg	C. E. Williams																				
Wheeling District	Total	$195 06	$ 59 83	$43 26	$18 12	$15 31	$439 52	$40 00		$ 64 82	4	$ 13 16	116	22	1	6	5	11	41	32	30
Pittsburg District	Total	447 48	117 55	83 86	25 85	24 29	726 01	608 50	$20 00	102 90	3	17 26	282	59	2	2	23	61	81	37	76
Allegheny District	Total	812 48	133 33	58 88	28 09	28 08	981 69	645 90	5 00	432 69	8	113 12	298	74	2	9	22	31	75	26	65
	Grand Total	$1455 02	$310 71	$186 00	$72 06	$77 68	$2147 22	$1654 40	$25 00	$604 41	15	$143 54	696	155	5	17	50	103	197	95	171

Charges.	Pastors.	Sunday Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Bibles.	Hymn Books.	Lesson Helps Taken Quarterly.	Missionary Societies.	Temperance Societies.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness of Charge.	Balance in Stewards' Treasury.	Balance in Trustees' Treasury.
Bethel A. M. E. Ch., Wylie Ave.	J. W. Gazaway	1	10	30	264	2	600	....	....	....	2	1	$110000 00	$ 150 00	$ 12 50	$ 180 00
Euclid Avenue	W. S. Lowry	1	6	8	124	40	100	100	25	200	1	....	40000 00	10690 00	30 00	100 00
Williamsport	D. F. Caliman	2	8	13	110	4	172	25	100	196	1	....	15000 00	1467 00	.....	.....
Wilkes-Barre	W. C. Goens	1	9	12	110	12	262	25	15	125	1	....	8000 00	3199 00	.....	.....
Scranton	H. A. Grant	1	5	7	48	....	500	50	20	50	1	1	7100 00	.....	.....	16 50
Altoona	W. N. Young	1	7	3	25	1	200	25	18	24	1	....	10000 00	500 00	.....	3 00
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	1	8	11	40	3	127	12	12	61	2	....	2000 00	.....	81 00	.....
New Haven	S. A. Lewis	1	4	6	80	....	12	....	15	50	1	....	3500 00	18 00	.....	.....
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	1	5	3	27	....	70	12	8	30	1	....	3000 00	850 00	.....	10 00
Lewistown	J. S. Eaton	2	6	8	31	....	250	20	18	40	....	....	2700 00	500 00	.....	.....
Philipsburg	R. M. Henderson	2	8	8	55	....	245	....	....	....	....	....	2500 00	295 30	.....	.....
Bedford	F. E. Bowser	1	4	3	251	....	100	25	12	20	....	....	1200 00	317 00	1 50	50
Montrose	J. W. Brown	1	5	2	12	....	262	24	10	15	....	....	2000 00	140 40	.....	2 15
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	1	5	4	30	2	226	12	25	40	1	....	1600 00	.....	1 00	.....
Scottdale	S. A. Lewis	1	4	3	13	1	....	12	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Homestead	G. G. Skinner	1	4	4	15	4	13	6	4	25	1	....	3500 00	1237 22	.....	3 00
Tyrone	A. E. Waldon	1	6	7	28	....	184	....	184	....	1	....	3000 00	1209 65	.....	.....
Milton	C. N. Butts	2	4	3	30	8	150	15	40	36	1	....	700 00	18 00	.....	.....
Lock Haven	Chas. Garner	2	10	7	55	1	174	24	38	61	2	....	1500 00	.....	.....	6 14
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	2	6	4	30	200	50	....	24	1	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duquesne	H. G. Thomas	1	5	3	20	1	....	12	12	30	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Everett	J. P. Stephens	1	3	4	25	....	150	20	40	....	....	....	1500 00	80 00	.....	.....
McConnelsburg	Cyrus Young	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12 00	7 00	.....	.....
	Total	28	142	153	1167	279	3849	407	632	1004	18	2	$233087 00	$18079 42	$126 00	$1221 29

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Sunday Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library	Bibles.	Hymn Books.	Lesson Helps Taken Quarterly.	Missionary Societies.	Temperance Societies.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness of Charge.	Balance in Stewards' Treasury.	Balance in Trustees' Treasury.
Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	1	9	22	233	15	350	100	150	180	1	1	$ 20000 00	$ 100 00	$ 11 10	$ 4 25
Chartiers, Allegheny	Richard Tanner	1	6	8	55	2	100	15	100	60	1	..	3000 00	160 38	.....	..
S. S. Pittsburg	M. S. Jones	1	5	3	22	....	100	20	13	20	.....	.....	3000 00	63 53	.....	.....
Monongahela	T. A. Green	1	6	4	45	46	75	37	24	30	1	1	15000 00	3758 00	.....	4 15
Brownsville	Richard Brown	1	7	10	72	4	157	35	16	69	1	..	3000 00	212 60	.....	.....
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	1	6	7	75	27	250	36	16	100	2	1	12000 00	4097 50	.....	45 25
New Brighton	I. B. Till	1	4	4	70	2	150	30	12	64	1	....	2 00 00	980 70	.....	.....
Meadville	P. A. Scott	2	9	13	69	....	400	50	48	70	1	....	3500 00	413 00	.....	321 00
Franklin	S. P. West	1	6	4	43	....	86	24	10	50	1	....	1800 00	276 22	.....	.....
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	2	16	16	160	2	450	45	75	75	2	....	6000 00	119 16	40 00	.....
Elizabeth	B. Wheeler	1	7	7	86	....	117	36	24	93	1	..	2725 00	77 72	.....	15 00
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	1	5	4	30	....	250	30	25	50	1	....	1507 00	300 00	.....	119 00
Bradford	C. A. McGee	1	7	5	30	2	90	....	24	35	.....	.....	2000 00	413 79	.....	300 00
Olean	J. E. Morris	1	5	5	25	3	75	20	15	30	1	....	2000 00	500 00	.....	.....
West Newton	T. J. Askew	2	13	7	50	8	180	18	14	57	2	....	2500 00	.....	2 30	93
Belleview		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleroi	Geo. N. Webster	1	5	8	50	....	25	5	10	60	1	...	1500 00	300 00	.....	50 00
Sewickley	J. P. Wallace	1	7	4	40	5	175	27	16	45	1	..	1800 00	320 00	.....	.....
McKeesport	A. R. Palmer	1	7	4	35	....	150	50	100	41	1	....	3000 00	1000 00	..	.....
Bellvernon	T. A. J. West	1	8	4	50	10	....	12	....	50	1	....	300 00	240 00	...	.....
	Total	22	139	139	1240	126	3180	586	692	1179	20	3	$88625 00	$15985 60	$53 40	$1449 58

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Wheeling, W. Va	R. H. Bumery	1	3	6	60	3	236	50	20	40	1	....	$ 10300 00	$ 500 00	.....	.....
Washington	D. S. Bentley	1	8	15	152	6	200	25	40	176	1	....	12500 00	150 85	.....	$ 5 00
Cannonsburg	C. Wright	1	10	11	150	3	250	42	60	125	.....	.....	6000 00	220 22	.....	170 00
Waynesburg	D. Newsome	1	4	6	30	3	200	10	25	50	1	....	4000 00	200 45	.....	.....
Clarksburg	W. H. Pride	1	5	3	35	....	144	24	40	35	....	1	5000 00	888 99	.....	.....
Morgantown	S. Christian	1	4	4	30	6	..	....	12	39	....	....	1000 00	250 00	.....	.....
Weston	A. Smothers	2	7	6	40	5	50	10	....	50	1	....	3500 00	800 00	.....	.....
W. Middletown	D. G. Cole	2	9	....	70	....	359	12	24	50	....	....	2000 00	21 00	.....	.....
McGovern	Eli McKnight	1	4	3	30	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	650 00	202 00	.....	.....
Beverly	Elijah Bazier	3	12	9	32	5	....	12	24	36	....	....	1600 00	200 00	.....	.....
Boone Mission	M. C. Harris	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seredo, W. Va	O. R. Williams	1	3	5	20	4	....	....	10	24	....	....	7 50	5 00	.....	.....
Charleston	F. D. Taylor	1	4	2	19	....	50	...	25	24	....	....	6000 00	3576 85	.....	.....
Stout's Mills	L. A. Barber	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	875 00	714 65	.....	5 00
Parkersburg	C. E. Williams	1	4	2	12	....	10	5	1	15	....	....	2000 00	1500 00	.....	1 00
Wheeling District	Total	17	77	72	680	35	1490	190	281	664	6	1	58330 50	9230 01	.....	176 00
Pittsburg District	Total	27	138	150	1154	278	3847	407	620	1004	18	2	233087 68	18079 42	126 00	1221 29
Allegheny District	Total	22	139	139	1240	126	3180	586	692	1179	20	3	86625 00	15985 66	53 40	1449 58
	Grand Total	66	354	351	3074	439	8517	1183	1593	2847	44	6	$378043 18	$39295 09	$179 40	$2846 87

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TO EXAMINE PREACHERS.

Admission—J. P. Wallace, B. D., S. P. West, R. Brown.
First Year—D. F. Caliman, J. W. Jeffries, I. B. Till.
Second Year—D. S. Bentley, D. D., W. H. Brown, R. H. Morris.
Third Year—J. W. Gazaway, D. D., W. H. Palmer, M. D., G. G. Skinner.
Fourth Year—C. Asbury, D. D., W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson.

CONNECTIONAL.

Church Publications—C. Wright, P. A. Scott, S. C. Honesty.
Sunday School Union—S. A. Lewis, J. S. Eaton, H. J. Williams.
Church Extension—D. S. Bentley, D. D., I. B. Till, B. H. Lee.
Easter Mission Fund—T. A. Green, E. McKnight, W. N. Young.
Sunday School Mission—C. A. McGee, G. T. Smith, M. P. Cole.
Women's Mite Missions—J. W. Jeffries, B. A. L. Powell, J. W. Riley.
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Wilberforce University—W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, D. D., J. W. Gazaway, D. D.
Endowment Day—G. C. Sampson, R. Brown, Charles Garner.

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Bible Cause—Geo. W. Webster, E. McKnight, J. E. Morris.
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CONFERENCE MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Canonsburg, Pa., Oct. 6, 1898.

The Thirty-First session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church assembled in the First M. E. Church, this city, on the above date, at 10: 30 a. m., with Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., Ph. D., presiding.

The Bishop invited the following persons to the platform: Drs. T. W. Henderson, of the A. M. E. Publishing House, C. T. Shaffer, Secretary of the Church Extension Society, W. H. Heard, Ex-Minister of the United States to Liberia, J. W. Gazaway, D. S. Bentley, Revs. G. C. Sampson, W. S. Lowry, D. F. Caliman, T. A. Green, and Rev. S. W. Macurdy, pastor of the First M. E. Church.

Hymn No. 295, "And Are We Yet Alive," was announced by Dr. J. W. Gazaway, and sung very heartily by the Conference.

Presiding Elder T. A. Green led in prayer.

Hymn No. 229, "Forever Here My Rest Shall Be" was announced by Dr. Bentley, and the Conference sang with a will, after which Dr. T. W. Henderson led in a very tender and earnest petition to the Throne of Grace.

"Draw Me Nearer" was sung, and Elder R. M. Henderson implored Heaven's blessing upon the Annual Conference.

Presiding Elder Caliman read as the Scripture Lesson the 51st chapter of Isaiah, and Dr. Shaffer conducted the Ritual Service.

Bishop Lee read the 9th chapter of 1 Corinthians, and gave a very scholarly and stirring comment. He said: "this chapter is really a small treatise on Pastoral Theology."

"The fruit of our preaching is the seal of our ministry.

"The people owe the shepherd a share of the products,—this is the meaning of pastor.

"But care should be taken that the ministering is commensurate with the needs of the flock. Some put the food too high,—not that they are too learned, but too impractical.

"No man is too learned, but some are impractical and speculative."

The discourse was timely, wholesome, practical and highly enjoyed by all present.

ORGANIZATION.

The Conference proceeded to organize for business, and the following officers were elected: Recording Secretary, P. A. Scott; Engrossing Clerk, S. P. West; Statistical Secretary, T. J. Askew; H. J. Williams and E. E. Obrient, were elected ushers.

Rev. J. W. Riley moved that the boundary of the Conference extend to and include the fourth seat. Carried.

The hours for opening and closing the sessions of Conference were set as follows: from 9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 p. m. and 8 o'clock in the evening, to adjourn at pleasure.

Rev. H. A. Grant was elected reporter to the "*Christian Recorder*," and Rev. R. H. Bumry reporter for the "*Southern Recorder*."

Rev. S. P. West offered the following resolution of sympathy and respect to Rev. W. H. Brown:

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to bring sorrow to our hearts and especially to the heart of our esteemed brother and co-laborer in Christ, causing the shadow of affliction to fall upon the home because of the sad, sudden and unexpected death of the beloved and christian lady and daughter, Jennie Brown, who departed this life, Oct. 5, 1898. Therefore be it

Resolved, That while we bow in meek and humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we yet strive to realize in some measure at least, the awful weight of the blow that falls upon these our dear friends and extend to them our sympathy and prayers, in this their hour of sore trial. Be it further

Resolved, that owing to the great and immediate expense attending the removal of the body from that distant city to his home, that we give from our individual means the sum of $50.00 to assist him in bearing the expense.

C. A. McGee,
S. P. West,
R. H. Morris.

Pending the adoption of this resolution Dr. Bentley announced that he had just received a telegram from Elder Brown saying that fifty dollars is needed immediately to meet the funeral emergencies, and a motion prevailed to amend the resolution by adding that a collection be taken among the brethren. The resolution prevailed as amended, and the amount necessary was raised among the brethren and forwarded to Elder Brown. Elders C. Asbury, R. H. Morris, D. S. Bentley and W. S. Lowry were appointed as a committee to represent the conference at the funeral of Sister Jennie Brown, which is to take place at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday, at New Brighton, Pa.

Benediction pronounced by Elder G. G. Skinner.

Conference adjourned.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 o'clock with Bishop B. F. Lee in the chair.

C. J. Powell lead in prayer.

The Bishop appointed the following committees:

On Admission.

C. Asbury,	J. W. Riley,	S. P. West.

First Year.

T. A. Green,	C. A. McGee,	P. A. Scott.

Second Year.

J. W. Gazaway,	G. G. Skinner,	R. H. Bumry.

Third Year.

G. C. Sampson, R. H. Morris, J. W. Jeffries.

Fourth Year.

D. S. Bentley, W. S. Lowry, B. Wheeler.

Endowment Day.

W. S. Lowry, R. Brown, R. M. Henderson.

Wilberforce University,

D. F. Caliman, T. A. Green, C. N. Woodson.

Payne Theological Seminary.

W. H. Brown, W. S. Lowry, J. W. Gazaway.

Church Extension.

J. J. Norris. C. Garner, B. H. Lee.

Sunday School Union.

I. B. Till, B. A. L. Powell, J. E. Morris.

Publication Department.

H. A. Grant. T. A. J. West. S. A. Lewis.

Easter Mission Funds.

A. Smothers, H. G. Thomas, S. B. Morris.

Sunday School Mission Funds.

A. E. Waldon, T. J. Askew, O. T. Davis.

Women's Mite Mission Funds.

G. W. Webster, L. A. Barber, H. J. Williams.

Bible Cause.

M. P. Cole, J. E. Morris.

Temperance.

D. Newsome, S. C. Honesty, Sandy Christian.

Public Worship.

T. A. Green, C. Wright.

Rearrangement of the Work.

W. H. Brown. D. F. Caliman, T. A. Green, C. Asbury.

Presiding Elders' Support.

W. H. Palmer, R. Brown, H. A. Grant.

Episcopal Residence.

G. G. Skinner, J. W. Brown, T. J. Simmons.

Church and Country.

C. Wright, C. A. McGee, J. P. Stephens.

General Conference.

W. H. Brown, D. F. Caliman, T. A. Green, J. W. Gazaway.

Memoirs.

R. H. Morris, C. A. McGee, S. A. Lewis.

Finance.

B. Wheeler, R. H. Bumry, J. P. Wallace.

Dollar Money.

C. A. McGee, B. H. Lee, G. G. Skinner.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference: Rev. Mr. Work, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. Mr. Parkerson, Presbyterian, and Dr. Smiley, of the U. P. Church.

While waiting for some stationery to arrive, the Bishop spoke very kindly of the work of Sister Amanda Smith, "who has always been a member of the African Methodist Church." He said that she had attended the North Ohio Conference last week, and would be with us at this Conference as its special guest.

Reports from pastors of churches were called for and nearly all reported their finances.

Elder Skinner moved that $8.00 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the committee appointed to attend the funeral of Sister Jennie Brown at New Brighton. Carried.

Drs. T. W. Henderson, W. H. Heard and C. T. Shaffer were introduced to the Conference, and Dr. Shaffer made some very kind remarks, in which he confirmed the statement of Bishop Lee, that this Episcopal District is an "up to date" and "on top" District, and said that there is no Conference,—not even the Philadelphia,—that in every respect evens up as well as the Pittsburg Conference.

Drs. T. W. Henderson and W. H. Heard were given an opportunity to enlist subscriptions to The *Christian Recorder*, *The Review*, *The Southern Recorder*, and *Voice of Missions*.

The Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction, by Dr. Shaffer.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock by Bishop Lee. The choir sang, "Praise the Lord Forever."

The Bishop introduced Rev. J. P. Stephens to preach the annual sermon.

Rev. Stephens announced Hymn 244, "O Love Divine, How Sweet Thou Art," which was sung by choir and congregation.

Dr. W. H. Heard led in prayer.

Rev. Stephens read 1 Cor., 2d chapter, as a Scripture Lesson.

"Glory and Praise to His Name," sung by choir and Conference.

The text selected by Elder Stephens was I Cor., 2-9. Subject: "The promise of reward, incomparable with our worth." The sermon was well arranged, clothed in picturesque language, and eloquently delivered. Rev. Charles Adison closed with prayer.

The choir sang the anthem, "O, Praise the Lord, All Ye Peopl e."

While the congregation sang, a contingent collection was raised amounting to $5.60.

Drs. T. W. Henderson and W. H. Heard spoke on behalf of our publications.

Meeting adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by Rev. Stephens.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Canonsburg, Pa., Oct. 7, 1898.

Conference called to order at 9 o'clock, and Revs. J. J. Norris and F. E. Bowser led the devotional exercises.

Mr. Brookes, of Pittsburg, was introduced, and spoke a few words in the interest of D. L. Moody's little book entitled "Secret Power," and John McNeil's "Spirit Filled Life."

The Minutes of the previous sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The pastors proceeded to report their Connectional money. The report from Uniontown showed that the Women's Mite Missionary Society of that church had collected and expended $112.11 in the entertainment of the W. M. M. Convention in that city, July 7-11, 1898.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Heard.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference reconvened at 2 o'clock with Bishop Lee in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. R. L. Pickard.

The Bishop called for the annual reports of the Presiding Elders, which were read as follows:

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS,

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT,

FOR THE YEARS 1897-8.

To the Bishop and Conference: Through the infinite goodness of our Heavenly Father, so profusely bestowed upon the preachers and churches of the District during the past

year, and for which our hearts glow with deepest gratitude and thanksgiving, we humbly but cheerfully submit the following Annual Report:

With profound emotion, commingled with the tenderest sympathy and regret, we are called upon to chronicle the death of our beloved brother and co-worker, the Rev. Richard Tanner, who departed this life on Saturday morning, April 2, 1898.

Rev. Tanner was one of our able and successful ministers, and having served faithfully the Chartiers St. Church, Allegheny City, Pa., two years and six months, and after months of patient and cheerful suffering, on the above date his waiting spirit went to be with God.

After an appropriate and impressive requiem, in which our Dear Bishop Lee, and several of the ministers of the Conference participated, his body was tenderly and reverently laid to rest at West Bridgewater, Pa., to which place he was followed by his sorrowing family and relatives, about twenty ministers, and a large concourse of bereaved friends. An appropriate discourse was preached at Bridgewater in respect to the deceased by Dr. Asbury. An appropriate consideration will be given his life and labors in the report on Memoirs.

May the Lord bless and comfort his widow and children.

With gratitude we note, that the health of the preachers in the district, with few exceptions, has been good, and that their temporal and spiritual endeavors for the Master have been strong and vigorous.

Rev. William H. Pride, who was placed on the superannuated list a year ago, has been seriously ill the entire year, at McKeesport, Pa. We are pleased to mention, however, that he is much improved now. He has had the sympathy and assistance of the brethern of the Conference, and especially of the Allegheny District, a report of which will be submitted at the proper time and place.

One of the most intellectual, spiritual and inspiring District Conferences that we have ever witnessed was held at

East Elizabeth last May. Nearly forty preachers and representatives were present.

Our Sunday School Institute at Franklin, in July, was fraught with marked interest, and blessed with a large representation, both ministerial and lay, all of which indicates that a healthy and active condition prevails in the Sunday Schools of the District.

Especial mention is due the W. M. M. Convention, which was held in Uniontown, Pa., the second week in July. This meeting of the noble women of the Church was attended with a great deal of intellectual, spiritual and social interest. There were 53 lady delegates and members present, besides a dozen ministers, showing the deeply interesting regard that clusters around this indispensible auxiliary of our great church.

Some of the most helpful and gratifying incentives that have come to our work during the year have been the timely and inspiring visits so frequently made to the different parts of the District, by our esteemed, energetic and aggressive Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Benj. F. Lee, D. D., Ph. D. Ever and anon, with cheer and good will, he has been with us in the midst of the battle, urging the brethern forward with mutual interest and love. May Heaven's benediction ever rest upon our Noble Chieftain, for God and the Church.

The regular visits of the "District Circular," always full and sparkling with royal gems, betimes piercing, yet cordial, have rendered a service unique in the way of actuating a deeper and more lively interest among the ministry and laity. A large number of copies of this monthly visitor have been distributed throughout the District,besides 76 copies which go to annual subscribers.

Refreshings from the presence of the Lord have fallen upon the District, and many of the churches have been blessed with precious revivals during the year. The Quarterly meetings as a rule have been very spiritual and uplifting at all points visited.

THE CHURCHES PER SE.

BROWN'S CHAPEL, ALLEGHENY CITY. This is one of the best established and most reliable churches in the conference. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Morris, ever earnest, active and effective has accomplished a telling work this year for God along all lines of religious endeavor. A high spiritual tide, deep and extensive has marked the onward flow of saving grace and loving service the entire year. The church is in splendid condition. Over 60 have been received on probation, and between 50 and 60 into full membership. Dollar money, $151.18.

CHARTIERS STREET, ALLEGHENY CITY. This active congregation was caused to mourn the loss of its pastor about six months ago, in the person of the Rev. Richard Tanner, referred to above. This sad breach, however, was closed by the appointment of the Rev. B. H. Lee, by the Bishop, to this church.

Taking up the work where our departed brother and coworker left it, Bro. Lee has faithfully and effectually carried it forward to bright and encouraging prospects. He has proven himself to be the right man for the place. The immediate obligations of the church have all been paid, and the spiritual condition is good. Dollar Money, $63.25.

UNIONTOWN. This beautiful church, lofty and picturesque for situation, is still groaning under a heavy debt. It has, however, under the dextrous and thoughtful pastor, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, been equal for all its current obligations, while the main debt has been slightly reduced. The spiritual work has been excellent. About one hundred have been converted and reclaimed, about fifty of whom were added to the church. The pastor has been especially attentive along all lines of Christian activity. Dollar money, $62.25.

OLIVER MISSION (under the care of Uniontown). Under the auspices of the Uniontown church, a promising work,

comprising about twenty Sunday School scholars, has been organized. The adult Christians of this Mission, for the present, have their membership in the Uniontown Church. Interesting meetings have been held at this Mission during the year, under the direction of Rev. Jeffries.

TITUSVILLE AND OIL CITY. These two churches comprise the most reliable and important Circuits in the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference. Rev. George C. Sampson, faithful and strong in word and doctrine, has successfully served this Circuit for five years. Titusville was visited by a precious revival, during which about fifteen persons were converted and added to the church. Oil City has many loyal and faithful members, but we are sorry to report that the sanguine endeavors of the pastor have been somewhat thwarted by an ungracious element at this point, making his success less marked than it would have been. Always earnest and reliable, Rev. Sampson has been the center of a moral and spiritual influence to these churches and their respective localities. Dollar money, $69.50.

BROWNSVILLE. This is a historical charge. A deep and wide spiritual awakening has crowned the efforts of this administration. Over forty souls were added to the church during the year, among whom were several aged citizens. The temporal interests have been well managed in spite of the peculiar financial conditions characteristic of the mining regions along the Monongahela Valley. The pastor, Rev. Charles A. McGee, is a strong and positive preacher. He was unanimously chosen to fill a vacancy in the School Board of his city, by the members of said Board, which position he fills with credit to himself and race. Dollar money, $43.25.

Rev. McGee has extended his lines of usefulness and utilized his energies in resuscitating the organization at Pike Run, where a small settlement of our people, consisting of some splendid families, reside. A neat church edifice (24x32 feet) has been erected and paid for. The chnrch

was dedicated Sept. 11. by the Presiding Elder, Rev. David F. Caliman, who was assisted by the Revs. C. A. McGee, G. W. Webster, Benjamin Wheeler and Charles Wheeler. This is the third church built at this place. The one preceding this one, erected under the direction of Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, was burned to ashes about five years ago. Dollar money, $2.90.

EAST ELIZABETH. This is one of the best organized and most reliable charges in the District. Rev. George G. Skinner, forcible and eloquent, is its present pastor. The familiar expression, "You know what Elizabeth is," has become proverbial in the sense that Elizabeth, all things considered, is regarded as second to none in the Conference. Amid the unavoidable industrial conditions peculiar to this valley, Rev. Skinner has not only maintained its former good standing, but a steady advance, both spiritual and temporal, has obtained during the past year. Dollar money, $40.00.

MONONGAHELA. The financial condition of this charge is, to say the least, unfavorable and rather discouraging. The pastor, Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, pointed, positive and clear as a preacher, has worked hard, amid trying circumstances, and through the co-operation of a few faithful ones the credit of the church has been maintained. Had the co-operation and support which are commensurate with the patrons of this church been given Rev. Wheeler, a more satisfactory showing would redound to their credit. Doubtless this church, if saved, must have the most judicious management of the Bishop and Conference, and the fullest co-operation of its membership. We are pleased to note that the spiritual condition is fair. Ten or twelve additions is the result of the revival effort. Dollar money, $22.75.

WEST NEWTON AND WEST ELIZABETH. This Circuit, comprising but a small membership, especially at Elizabeth, has done a creditable work this year. Save a slight exception at West Newton, there has been no lack on

the part ot the circuit, as to a hearty co-operation with their pastor, Rev. T. J. Askew, who is vigilant and earnest, a young man of excellent qualities, and a promising future. The financial and spiritual interests have been well guarded.

The West Newton charge has a new and beautiful railing placed around the altar, which adds greatly to the appearance of the church. This improvement has been paid for. The Auxiliary Societies of this circuit have received due attention. Dollar money, (W. N. and W. E), $37.25.

McKEESPORT, PA. At the confluence of the Youghoigheny and the Monongahela rivers is situated this active and enterprising city. Our church here, with some odds to encounter, is, we believe, gradually gaining a more prominent standing. Rev. Daniel Newsome, the pious and watchful pastor, has done a very creditable year's work. All departments of church work have signally increased. With energy, seasoned with grace, we see no reason why McKeesport should not in time become a flourishing charge. Dollar money, $21.

SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURG. Rev. J. W. Riley has patiently held on his course at this place, with but meager results. He has had but a faithful few with whom to work. For some cause, the general apathy and indifference to sanctuary privileges, on the part of the majority of the people at South Side are simply beyond extreme. It is to be hoped, however, that a deluge of salvation will soon be precipitated upon this sterile yet possibly hopeful field. Rev. Riley, we believe, has done the best he could. He has done well financially. Dollar money, $22.20.

MEADVILLE Rev. Joseph H. Bell was pastor of this charge the first half of the Conference year. It is to be regretted that a prevailing indifference, for some cause, existed between the pastor and his flock, and but little was accomplished. Finally the pastor and members mutually acquiesed in the necessity of a change, and about the first of April, Rev. Bell was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference.

The latter half of this Conference year, this charge has been very successfully pastored by the Rev. Price A. Scott, a young man of aggressive literary attainments, and a forceful and logical preacher. This work has been very much improved through his earnest efforts, along all lines. The debt on the church has been greatly reduced, and the spiritual condition considerably improved. This is practically Rev. Scott's fourth year on this charge, and he is held in higher esteem now than ever before, by both church and community. Dollar money, $20.25.

CHARLEROI. Rev. George W. Webster is pastor. This church has measurably held its own, while more or less apathy, both spiritual and temporal, has prevailed. The debt on the neat little chapel has been greatly reduced. Charleroi is an enterprising place, and our church bids fair, if properly managed, to become a flourishing organization in the near future. Rev. Webster has given these good people a safe and honest four year's administration, during which time there has been raised and paid on the church the sum of $2,164.59 Dollar money, $34,45.

BELLE VERNON. This work has been greatly developed during the past year. A little more than a year ago there was simply the nucleus of an organization here, that worshipped in a hall. But now, under the undaunted and industrious pastor, the Rev. Thos. A. J. West, we have a neat building, 30x40, nearly paid for. The church was dedicated July 17, 1898, by Bishop B. F. Lee. Rev. West did the masonry work, and much of the other work on the new church. He has indeed "wrought well and hard." He and his cordial family, and his co-operative people deserve much credit. Dollar money, $17.60.

PLEASANT GREEN. This is an old church organization. Bro. Charles E. Wheeler, an active and earnest local preacher of Brownsville, Pa., was appointed to this work last fall, by the Presiding Elder. The work has been signally blessed during the year, thirty or more persons having

been converted and added to the church. The members are kind and co-operative, heartily working with their pastor. A timely and appreciative visit was made to this place August 1st, by our esteemed Bishop Lee, this being the first visit the church has received from a Bishop in sixty years. A new town has recently sprung up right in the immediate vicinity of our church, which, no doubt, will result favorably for our work there. Dollar money, $20.00.

NEW BRIGHTON. This is one of the most pleasant and co-operative charges in the Allegheny District. Under its able pastor, the Rev. Ishmael B. Till, who is logical and clear in doctrine and word, the church has enjoyed a faithful and effective administration for four consecutive years. While the debt on the church has been gradually reduced, the spiritual interest have received special attention, several being converted and added to the church during the year. The pastor is highly respected by the church and community. Dollar money, $34.00.

WEST BRIDGEWATER. This small but zealous and genial organization has not abated in the least, with regard to its Christian activities, but has steadily and earnestly held on its way.

Rev. Joshua J. Norris, the vigilant pastor, has faithfully and creditably served this good people for four years. He merits and sustains the cordial respect of the people and church. Dollar money, $21.25.

SEWICKLEY. This energetic but small organization was served successfully by the Rev. B. H. Lee, for the first six months of the Conference year,—afterwards appointed to Chartiers St., Allegheny, by Bishop Lee. At the same time the present incumbent, Rev. H. J. Williams, was appointed to Sewickley.

This work seems to drag heavily, at least in a financial way,—but little progress having been made in the way of reducing the debt of over $300. Yet withal, the church has

made a fair showing along other lines of activity. Rev. Williams has been very vigilant, and has enjoyed a reasonable degree of success. Dollar money, $16.00.

BELLEVUE MISSION. This organization has been kept alive by the hardest work this year. For the first three months it was connected with Sewickley, but it did not succeed in this relation. Bro. W. H. Frazier, an earnest and faithful local preacher, of Brown's Chapel, was then placed in charge. Bro. Frazier, though laboring hard during the week, was at his post on each Lord's Day, and his labors were greatly blessed. The previous indebtedness on rents, amounting to about $25.00, has been paid. Regular Quarterly Meetings have been held, and have been good. Dollar money, $5.25.

FRANKLIN. This small organization is one of the most active and well established in this district. It has enjoyed a three years' successful pastorate of one of our most consecrated, enterprising and up-to-date men, the Rev. Simon P. West, who has spared no pains to develop this work, and to instruct this people in Word and Doctrine as it is in Christ. Some of the best families of our church connection reside at this place. The pastor has the esteem of the entire community. Dollar money, $26.00.

BRADFORD. The wheels of Zion at this place seem, more or less, to drag heavily. Only a faithful few have practically co-operated with the pastor during the year. We regret to note that the pastor, Rev. J. P. Stephens, has had to encounter an arbitrary element, which has greatly baffled his efforts financially and spiritually. On the other hand this element claims that the pastor is too rigid and relentless in his ruling. Rev. Stephens has been faithful and vigilant to sustain the credit of this work, and, all things considered, he has done fairly well. This is a hopeful field, and, we believe is destined to fill an important place in the work of the Master. Dollar money, $20.75.

OLEAN, N. Y. This organization, the only one of this Conference in the State of New York, has maintained a creditable showing throughout the year. The members and congregation have cordially co-operated with their studious and vigilant pastor, the Rev. Eli McKnight, who has faithfully looked after every interest and claim of the church. Like Franklin, Pa., this church owns a comfortable parsonage in which the pastor lives, making it easier for the church to support him, than at similar places where parsonages are wanting. Dollar money, $16.00.

ERIE. This church has had a variety of ministerial functionaries this year. For the first six months Rev. P. A. Scott was pastor, during which time a very creditable work was done, a substantial foundation and basement for a new church being built, and partly paid for. Unfortunately, however, by reason of non-co-operation, and contemplated circuit relations, this well-begun work practically came to a standstill, and Bro. Scott was appointed by Bishop Lee to supply the vacancy created at Meadville.

About the first of July the Bishop appointed the Rev. T. D. Scott, A. M., of Xenia, O., to this work, and during his skillful work of about two months, marked success obtained from a financial standpoint.

Since September first Rev. George T. Smith, an enterprising local preacher of Chartiers Street, Allegheny, has had charge of this work. He has succeeded finely in winding up the year's activities. Dollar money, $17.00.

HILLSIDE MISSION, SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURG. This place at present consists of a band of children principally, who were organized a year or more ago into a Sunday School, by Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge, of Wylie Ave. A. M. E. Church. She has given this work much of her earnest attention, and it has received one visit from the Presiding Elder at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Aldridge solicits the prayers of the Bishop and Conference.

Financial Statement.

Collected:

Presiding Elders' Support		$886.76
Presiding Elders' Traveling Expenses		60.36
Dollar Money		783.15
Easter Collections	$158.07	
Women's Mite Mission Collections	288.00	
Sunday School Mission Collections	116.97	
Total for Missions		563 04

Statistical Statement.

Members	1,516
Probationers	108
Sunday School Scholars	1,335
Adults Baptized	43
Infants Baptized	80
Disciplines Sold	24
Subscribers, *Christian Recorder*	50
Subscribers, *Voice of Missions*	29
Subscribers, *District Circular*	78
Sermons Preached	177

We cheerfully express our most hearty sentiments of gratitude to the brethren for their Christian and fraternal co-operation in the propagation of the work, and also to the members and friends of the respective churches for their interest, support and co-operation.

May we all be filled with the knowledge of His will, in all wisdom, and spiritual understanding.

Yours in His name,

David F. Caliman,

Presiding Elder.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Rev. Bishop, and Members of the Thirty-First Session of Pittsburg Conference:

Dear Brethern:— Time, in its ceaseless flight, has brought us to another annual meeting.

We have here assembled workers and representatives of what, to me, composes a great Conference.

The work of the Christian Ministry is not always crowned with sunshine, they, with men of all other professions, have their reverses, but through the many changes, however dark, comes the light of Him who said "I Will Guide Thee."

The pastors and members of the Wheeling District have proven to be zealous co-workers with me this year. Much sympathy has been shown the Presiding Elder by all the Brethren, and especially by the pastors of Washington, West Middletown, Waynesburg and Morgantown, who largely contributed to the support of my family, aside from the regular assesment.

I have traveled continuously throughout the district at an average of 1450 miles per quarter this year, and thereby kept in touch with every present possibility for African Methodism within the bounds of my district.

The facilities for travel, and comfort of homes among our people are far better than I expected to find them throughout West Virginia; having to travel only 120 miles per quarter on horseback.

The following is a statement in detail of the condition of the work already established:

WASHINGTON. Rev. D. S. Bentley D. D., Pastor. Dr. Bentley has been very successful along all lines of church work, and, while the church has not had an outpouring of the spirit, in the conversion of many souls, still, quite a number have been converted and have been received on probation, leaving 33 probationers on the roll at the present time. The

membership has been increased largely above that of last year, many of which are among the most prominent of the city. The business of this charge has been very wisely handled, and as a result of a careful business transaction of the church with the borough, and that without friction in any part of the church, we have a bank account of $5,000.00 and a Sunday School treasury $——.

The people regard the pastor as a very high churchman. He is esteemed by all.

Precentage of membership above last year is 7 21–37%. Dollar money, $71.20.

CANONSBURG. Rev. Carter Wright, pastor. This charge has not succeeeed as we hoped it would. The membership of the church has for the past eight years fluctuated between 151 and 171. We are glad to say that the members are generally loyal.

Rev. Wright has labored faithfully; co-operation might have brought greater results to his labors. This church has the largest following of any in the district.

The contract debt for the rebuilding of this church is forty-nine hundred seventy-five (4,975.00) dollars.

Percentage of membership above last year is 6 94–151%.

WHEELING. This charge has been under the very efficient pastorate of the Rev. R. H. Bumry, for the past four years, the one closing with this Conference being the most successful. He breaks his own record whenever he chooses. The membership having been more than doubled, and the last dollar of a long-standing debt of over fourteen hundred ($1,400) dollars against the church has been canceled.

All services are well attended,and spiritual. Rev. Bumry's connectional interest is worthy of note. The Pastor is very popular in Wheeling.

Precentage of membership above last year is 50 10–19%. Dollar money, $66.22.

CLARKSBURG. Rev. R. Brown, pastor. This charge has made wonderful improvement this year, Rev. Brown has done a commendable work.

The charge, at the beginning of the year, was in a most critical condition, so much so that we were directed by the Bishop to give it our first consideration, but we are pleased to say that, under the present careful pastorate, the church is reckoned among the ones most safe. Every department is well organized, and doing active work.

The membership has steadily increased, and all obligations promptly met. This church flatters herself with having the most classic choir of the district, and who appear in white robes. The pastor is beloved by all.

Percentage of membership above last year is, 6 2-3%. Dollar money, $17.05.

MORGANTOWN. Rev. Sandy Christian, pastor. Our church at this place has enjoyed a reign of prosperity all this year. This church has had a constant revival this year, having doubled her membership, built a basement under the church, enlarged the parsonage, entertained Sunday School Convention, and reduced the main debt to about one hundred ($100.00) dollars. Rev. Christian has greatly shortened the distance to Morgantown. Everybody in that enterprising town sees in the pastor a Christian gentleman.

Precentage of membership above last year is 80%. Dollar money, $15.00.

WEST MIDDLETOWN. Rev. E. Morris Pastor. This church has had a very successful year. God has been with this young Brother. What Rev. Morris finds to do, he does it quickly, and succeeds every time.

The membership of this church has been largely increased. A choir has been organized, an organ bought, and the church carpeted.

The people are united in the work of the church, and services are spiritual.

Percentage of membership above last year is 35 1-2%. Dollar money, $30.30.

PARKERSBURG. This church has recently passed into the hands of our connection, at a cost of fifteen hundred ($1,500.00) dollars. With an energetic pastorate, and a gospel preacher, this charge will become one among the first of this district.

His Reverence, Bishop Lee, with a steady hand, held this property for over one year, by paying rent for the same to the amount of forty-five ($45.00) or fifty ($50.00) dollars, until such time when it could be legally purchased. Which amount, we believe should be refunded to Bishop Lee by this Conference. Rev. Shelby, a local preacher and student at Wilberforce, succeeds Revs. B. A. L. Powell, E. Bowers, and E.L.Gilmer to the pastorate of this church The former reports the charge to this Conference.

Percentage of membership above last year is 80%. Dollar money, $1.20.

CEREDO AND HUNTINGTON CIRCUIT. Rev. S. B. Morris, Pastor, with his patient wife at his side, has raised the standard of African Methodism in this the extreme southern portion of our district, by toil and suffering, he has stayed. He has reason to thank God for a friend in the person of a Women's Mite Missionary Society, who more than once came to his rescue. He has succeeded in leasing a building and organizing a church at Huntington, which promises to grow.

Percentage of membership above last year is 56¼%.

CHARLESTON. This church is the finest in architecture of any in the district. It is in the Building and Loan Association, and is under a thirty-five hundred and seventy ($3,570.00) dollar debt.

Rev. Taylor, who was appointed pastor from the last Conference, was removed because of total inability to manage the affairs of this charge, and passed to a more salubrious

place. He was succeeded by Rev. B. A. L. Powell, who has also been unable to manage any part of the work.

Charleston is the negro heaven of West Virginia. The church is there, and the people are there, and we pray the Lord to direct our Bishop in sending a gospel preacher, one who can gather in the people and save the church to the credit of our connection.

Percentage of membership above last year is 28 4-7 per-cent. Dollar money, $5.00.

WESTON AND SUTTON. Rev. S. A. Lewis, Pastor. This charge has steadily moved on, Rev. Lewis is a careful pastor, who studies his people and the government of the church. The people who compose the membership and congregation of this charge are wonderfully conglomerated, and cannot be educated in one year. There has been an increase in membership at both points. Improvements have been made on the property at Weston to the amount of one hundred ($100.00) dollars. Done largely by the pastor, and with no debt for the same remaining, and we recommend that Stout's Mills be attached to this circuit.

Percentage of membership above last year is 31 9-11 per cent. Dollar money, $6.00.

STOUT'S MILLS. Rev. L. A Barber, Pastor. Much has been accomplished on this charge this year. Rev. Barber has built a nice, substantial frame church at Stout's Mills, on one-half acre of ground over-looking a section of country for five miles around. This property is deeded to our connection. The minutes of the last Conference, and the presence of a Presiding Elder for the first time in that part of the country, put Brother Barber in a proper light before the people, and African Methodism on top. Percentage of membership above last year is ——. Dollar money, $3.00.

BEVERLY MISSION. Rev. E. Bazier, Pastor. At the rise of the Conference of 1897, Rev. T. J. Smith took charge of this mission, and, in less than four weeks abandoned the work. The Presiding Elder, on reaching this charge, found it in a very critical condition, and after due consideration, and for the good of the church appointed Rev. E. Bazier, who was located by the last annual Conference to the pastorate of Beverly and Casidy Fork, which, to my mind, was the salvation of the church at Beverly. Bro. Bazier has done a very commendable work this year. He has largely increased the membership, and met all obligations. We beg to say, however, that we do not desire to ignore the action of the Conference, in taking up one located by order of the Conference, which case we humbly submit to this honorable body.

Percentage of membership above last year is 42 2-19 per cent. Dollar money, $15.60.

ELKINS AND COKETON CIRCUIT. Rev. John Amiss, Pastor. This Circuit was formerly a part of the Beverly Mission, but finding that the success of that portion above named depended upon its division, we therefore appointed Rev. Amiss to the pastorate of what is now known as the "Coketon Elkins Circuit." Our church at Coketon was without the service of a pastor all last year. This church was reorganized in the second quarter of this year, and is doing nicely under the present pastor.

At Elkins we have no property, worship is held in a rented hall. The probability is that Senator Davis will build us a church at Elkins. We have conferred with him on the matter.

Percentage of membership above last year is 12-100 per cent.

BUCKHANNON. Rev. E. E. Obrient, pastor. Our church at this place was organized in February of this year, with fourteen (14) members. In less than four (4) months

later this church grandly entertained the District Conference, over which his Reverence, Bishop Lee, D. D., presided. The church has on its roll forty-five (45) members. The property was bought at a cost of five hundred dollars, of which amount half has been paid, building remodeled and painting done, and paid for; and property insured. One more year and the last dollar will be paid. We recommend that Indian Camp be attached to Buckhannon. Everybody in Buckhannon respects the pastor.

Percentage of membership is 100 per cent over last year. Dollar money, $10.25.

INDIAN CAMP. Rev. Pierce Moore, pastor. This church was also organized in the month of February of this year, 1898. We broke our way through eighteen inches of snow to these people, two miles from the railroad, on top of the mountain, and found them awaiting my first arrival to administer to them the Holy Communion already spread. The following day we baptized, and received into our connection thirteen members, four of which are owners of farms. The church has a capacity of 150 persons, and is a strong, frame building. The pastor is beloved by all.

Percentage of membership is 100 per cent over last year. Dollar money, $2.50.

BOONE MISSION. Rev. M. P. Cole, pastor, with his undaunted courage he has served this charge acceptably, and has accomplished all that can be expected of him.

We have two churches on this circuit, Marshes being the strongest point and the most accessible. No records were ever kept on this charge before the present pastorate.

Brother Cole is quite a business pastor. What this circuit most needs is a horse, bridle and saddle. The people are very kind and patient, and are loyal to their church.

Percentage of membership above last year is 100 per cent.

PHILIPPI. This place remains unsupplied. We canvassed this field, and found that it would cost the Conference at least fifty ($50.00) dollars per year to keep a pastor on the work. Dollar money, $3.40.

BLACKSVILLE. Rev. W. Baker, pastor. Brother Baker has not succeeded in affecting an organization on his work this year, but promises, however, to report something to this Conferencee.

WAYNESBURG. Rev. A. E. Waldon, pastor. The pastor has done as well as could be expected, the membership has been increased, though very little money has been raised, which is largely due to bad management. This can be made a strong charge.

Percentage of membership above last year is 21 3-7%. Dollar money, $15.55.

WELLSBURG. Rev. C. Arnold, pastor. This charge properly belonged to West Middletown, but, owing to some dissatisfaction brought over from a year or more ago, Wellsburg positively refused to accept the pastor of West Middletown, of this present year, making it necessary to otherwise provide for it. Accordingly, Rev. Arnold was appointed pastor of Wellsburg with Burgettstown attached.

At Wellsburg we have secured about sixty ($60.00) dollars for building purposes this year, and hope to secure a church lot soon.

Dollar money, $2.25.

McGOVERN. Rev. John Lotterbery, pastor. At the beginning of the Conference year, this point was supplied by Rev. H. J. Williams, who failed to establish pastoral relation with his people, and as a result, Rev. John Lotterbery, local of Canonsburg, was appointed to the pastorate of this charge. He has succeeded in gathering together the people, and paying much on the debt of the church.

We recommend that this point be attached to Canonsburg, and be known as the Canonsburg Mission.

Precentage of membership above last year is 80%. Dollar money, $6.25.

Total number of members, 872 against 657 of last year.

Total number of probationers, 110 against 44 of last year.

We have eleven Mite Missionary Societies, most of which are in working order. We have received from all sources five hundred thirty-five ($535.63) dollars, out of which one hundred forty-two ($142.85) dollars is the traveling expenses for district work.

We have babtized eighteen (18) persons by immersion, and twenty-two (22) at the altar.

The following is a statement of some of the great possibilities for the church in Pennsylvania and West Virginia: Ravenswood, Spencer, Point Pleasant and Smithfield on the Ohio River and the K. & M. railroad; Montgomery and Thurmond, including New River, on the Great Kanawha. These latter points covering a distance of 40 miles have 2,200 of our people, which is 70 per. cent. of the whole population. Among this vast number of our people there is but one Methodist church.

Bridgeport can be taken up by Clarksburg, Grafton and Fairmont and made a mission. East Washington and Finleyville made a mission. Washington and vicinity has a colored population of 2,500, of which number less than 500 belong to any church.

The above are some of the possibilities for our church and with ministries appointed to those unoccupied grounds a large increase may be expected next year. All of which we respectfully submit.

THOMAS A. GREEN,
PRESIDING ELDER.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Being mindful of the blessings of our Heavenly Father during this Conference year, it is with reverence and gratitude to Almighty God, that we present this, our annual report:

This Conference year has been an eventful one. Our country has been engaged in war with Spain; protecting the interests of humanity and the liberty of the oppressed Cubans.

This year has been marked with the murder of a U. S. postmaster in the south, because he was black. Lynching of the colored man in the southern land is still a common thing for the most frivolous matters. The A. M. E. Church, with Bishop Turner at its head, is sounding the key note of what the result will be if our brethren in white do not learn to do justice to this race.

The churches of the Pittsburg District are in a progressive state. Our membership has increased in some places and diminished in others. The increase, however, exceeds the decrease. During the year many of our churches enjoyed revivals of religion. The church buildings are in good condition, and a great many are very valuable. The year has been very slow in business matters. Employment has been very scarce. For this reason our collections have been small. We believe the preachers have done the best they could. By instructions from our Bishop at the last Conference, the ministers began to collect Dollar Money, and kept it up faithfully all the year. Our general collections have been very good for the times, especially the missionary collections.

The Sunday Schools are in a very good condition, but could be better. The ministers take but little interest in the Sabbath School Annual Convention; especially the leading

ministers of the Conference. I would particularly call the attention of the Bishop and Conference to this fact.

The District Conference was held at Williamsport, Pa., in July, we had a pleasant and profitable time. The Conference recommended two candidates for the Itineracy—Bro. Powell, of Williamsport, and Bro. Edson.

Bishop Lee has greatly stimulated and encouraged the people by his Episcopal visits, and sermons. Every point in the district has had his presence and sermons, except one, Duquesne. Bishop Lee has paid special attention to the small charges, and poor preachers, which has been highly appreciated by the pastors, people and Presiding Elder.

The church at Bedford has been completed under the pastorate of Rev. Henderson, and dedicated by Bishop Lee. The health of the preachers and their families has been generally good. No serious trouble has existed between ministers and people. The death roll of our members has been larger this year than any previous year of our charge. We have been able to keep down the interest, and reduce our debts on church properties a little this year. On many of our churches improvements have been made.

CHURCHES IN PARTICULAR.

WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURG. Rev. J. W. Gazaway, D. D., pastor. This old fort of African Methodism is still holding her own and is on the increase. Rev. Gazaway is working hard, and gaining ground every year. All of the departments of the church are in good condition. The officers and members are loyal. The women of the church are doing a grand missionary work in the city. The church has five Evangelists, who go into the slums, and gather in the outcasts and direct them to a Blessed Savior who is able to save to the uttermost. Elder Gazaway is paying especial attenton to this part of his work. The church has been greatly misrepresent-

ed by her enemies,but she is doing a greater work for God and Humanity than any other church of our people in the city. For the reason that she has greater facilities for doing Christian work.

Number of members 493. Probationers 85. Raised for all purposes $6.121.54. Dollar money $201.00.

EAST END, PITTSBURG. Rev. W. S. Lowry, pastor. Reverend Lowry has served this congregation five years, during which time he has built one of the finest churches in the connection, which will stand as a monument to him and his good people. It was dedicated to God and His cause in July, by Bishop Lee, with befitting ceremony. Rev. Lowry had a pleasant and prosperous year in this church. One thing which is remarkable about this church-builder is that none of his Conference collections are neglected. All the interests of his church are kept up. The people love him, and have great reverence and respect for him. As his time as pastor is out by limitation, we would ask for him the Bishop's best consideration, on account of his success and hard work during the last five years. He leaves with thanks and prayers of the congregation. Rev. Lowry met with a sad accident on the railroad a few weeks ago and has been confined to his bed. He has partially recovered. This accident has thrown him back in his church work.

Number of members, 275. Raised for all purposes, $3,-574.55. Dollar money $103 increase over last year.

WILLIAMSPORT. Rev. Asbury entered upon this work last year with zeal and hopefulness. He had some obstacles to encounter, which was rather embarassing for a new pastor, but by his wise counsel, and able work as a pastor, he has been able to harmonize the factions to such an extent that things are moving along nicely at the present time. Dr. Asbury is highly respected and honored in this church. We know of no one who is more adapted to han-

dle Williamsport A. M. E. Church than Dr. Asbury.

Dollar money, $75; number of members, 179; probationers, 3; raised for all purposes, $2,138.50.

SCRANTON. Rev. H. A. Grant, pastor. This church is doing fairly well. The congregation are a floating people, with the exception of a few families. The members do well supporting the pastor, and are loyal. We only have about five families that are free-holders, three of these are members of our church. Many of our members have left the city without certificates. A Baptist church has been organized which draws on our church. The people are good and kind, and take great pride in their church, that is the church-going people. But a very small percentage of our people in Scranton attend church. We have considerable debt for a hall that was built on the church lot. We have been able to pay but little on it this year. There is a great deal of prejudice among the whites in this city. Colored families pay the highest rents for houses, and then must live in the courts. Another case of oppression by Americans in our Christian and so-called civilized land. Rev. Grant has set up a high intellectual standard in Scranton.

Number of members, 70; raised for all purposes, $1,507.90; dollar money, $48.00.

WILKESBARRE. Rev. A. R. Palmer, pastor. This church is in debt. There is not the interest taken that should be. They are greatly in need of a revival of religion, and the spirit of African Methodism. We hope for better days for our church in Wilkesbarre.

Dollar money, $21.50; number of members, 72; probationers, 12; raised for all purposes, $1,379.62.

HOMESTEAD. Rev. H. G. Thomas, pastor. This charge is composed of two appointments—Duquesne and Homestead. It is moving along slowly, with a debt at Homestead of about $———. We have a large number of people at Homestead, but very few are Methodists. Our

members are striving to reduce the debt, and have succeeded in a very small degree.

Rev. Thomas has done the best he could. Duquesne is a small church with a debt that must be paid in a short time or we lose all. The most of our people have left Duquesne to seek employment. This weakens the weak society.

Dollar money, $30.25; number of members, 64; probationers, 4; raised for all purposes, $930.79.

BRADDOCK. Rev. S. C. Honesty has served this church four years under much opposition. The membership has increased this year, and the church was blessed with a revival of religion. We have a good building, which has a debt of over eight hundred dollars. Our number is small, and are able to pay but a small salary. Rev. Honesty has worked hard with these people, and he is much respected and loved in Braddock.

Dollar money, $24.00; number of members, 48: probationers, 4; raised for all purposes, $804.60.

GREENSBURG. Rev. O. T. Davis, pastor. This is Rev. Davis's second year. He has done the best he could. The church is out of debt. The building is small. The people are industrious and willing to support the church. They are above the average. Rev. Davis is a reliable and earnest pastor.

Dollar money, $23,35; number of members, 23; raised for all purposes, $442.78.

BELLEFONTE. Rev. C. N. Woodson, pastor. This church is in excellent condition. Rev. Woodson deserves great credit for the work done in this society. The church has been remodeled and the interior painted. The outside has also been painted, and some changes made. The church is lighted by electricity and has a most beautiful appearance. But the grand thing is that he has by the assistance of his officers and people paid for the improvements, and come to Conference with his church clear of debt.

Number of members, 57; raised for all purposes, $1,174.70; dollar money, $52.15.

NEW HAVEN. Rev. J. P. Wallace, pastor. Since Conference this church has had three pastors. Rev. Goens was transferred from this church to the Baltimore Conference in June, and Rev. Cole was appointed to this charge by Bishop Lee until Rev. Wallace returned from the South. Rev. Wallace took charge and has done a good work. He makes a good report for the time he has had the charge. He carries the confidence and respect of the people. We have a good building and a kind people.

Number of members, 85; raised for all purposes, $1,039.31; dollar money, $45.00.

ALTOONA. Rev. W. N. Young, pastor. This congregation is on the increase, and Rev. Young is beloved and respected by all. The salary is very small. The law suit instituted some two or three years ago to recover property which the trustees believe belongs to them, is still pending in Blair County Court. The church is very much in debt and needs help.

Dollar money, $22.75; number of members, 25; probationers, 1; raised for all purposes, $581.23.

MONTROSE CIRCUIT. Rev. J. W. Brown, pastor. This circuit has three points—Montrose, Waverly and Pittston. As we have said before, with very few people at each point, and very old ones at Montrose. At Pittston we have no building. Rev. Brown has a hard time to secure a living. Circumstances and surroundings justify him in holding camp meetings. We heartily approve of his course. He has done well for the chance he has had.

Dollar money, $24.40; number of members, 32; raised for all purposes, $533.44.

BLOOMSBURG AND DANVILLE CIRCUIT. Rev. C. Butts, pastor. This circuit has three points—Blooms-

burg, Danville and Milton. We have but very few at any of these places. The minister hardly gets his traveling expenses. Rev. Butts works at loading coal part of the time, so as to make a living for his family. We have been holding a camp meeting each year for over 25 years, at a grove called Rupert. Out of this meeting the pastor and Presiding Elder realize a small amount. But there is a certain class in Bloomsburg, a very small class, with a few colored people, that are prejudiced to this meeting. They slander it annually, and even go so far as to violate that commandment which says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." The reason for this prejudice is that it empties many of the white churches, and they lose their collections. This meeting is conducted with as much order as the Mountain Grove Camp Meeting, and with less evil. There is no better class of whites in the county, than those who attend this meeting, and there is not a more orderly set than that which attends the meeting. The grove is small and everything going on in the grounds can be seen. A sufficient number of police are on the grounds to keep order.

Dollar money, $10.00 : number of members at Bloomsburg, 14 : number of members at Danville, 4 : number of members at Milton, 12 : raised for all purposes, $455.80.

LOCK HAVEN CIRCUIT. Rev. C. Garner. This circuit has three points. It is a very weak charge, and a few people. We are sorry to report that this charge is not in a good condition. Rev. Garner has been on this charge for two years. He has had a scanty living. They need a change. The circuit has run down, which you can see by the report of the pastor.

Dollar money, $8.65 : number of members, 39 : raised for all purposes, $235.29.

PHILLIPSBURG CIRCUIT. Rev. M. S Jones, pastor. This circuit consists of two points, Phillipsburg and Curwensville. Rev. Jones has done good work, and brought the circuit up to a good standing. We have but a few peo-

ple at each point. They are very energetic and have considerable church pride, and do the best they can to support the church and pastor. Brother Jones has worked hard, and will make a good report to this Conference.

Number of members at Phillipsburg and Curwensville, 27: raised for all purposes at both points, $841.65: dollar money, $11.40.

BEDFORD CIRCUIT. Rev. R. M. Henderson. This circuit has two points, Bedford and Everett. The church at Bedford has been completed and dedicated. We now have a beautiful little chapel. Rev. Henderson has worked with his own hands, and completed the work, he being a carpenter. Much credit is due him. We have considerable debt for such a few people. We have asked the Church Extension Society for aid and hope to get a favorable reply.

Dollar money, $8.30: number of members, 37: raised for all purposes, $338.51.

TYRONE A. M. E. CHURCH. Rev. A. Smothers, pastor. Brother Smothers is much loved and respected by all classes. His salary has been very small. The people have done the best they could. We have a very nice building, heavily in debt. The people are good and kind.

Number of members, 16: raised for all purposes, $605.17: dollar money, $14.25.

HUNTINGDON. Rev. D. F. Cole was sent to this work last Conference, but was unable to stay and support himself. The charge remains unchanged. We have good property at both points. We are in danger of losing both buildings. Heavy debts are on both churches. Rev. A. Smothers, at Tyrone, has had the charge for about four months to do the best he could with it.

Number of members, 10: dollar money, $4.00.

KENSINGTON MISSION. Some time in Juue, Rev. F. E. Bowser, who was relieved from his work at Parkers-

burg, W. Va., proceeded up the Allegheny river about forty miles from Pittsburg and organized a mission. He has continued to preach for these people. Rev. Bowser will make his report to this Conference. He is hopeful in this work. You can see the value of the mission by his report.

Number of members, 8: probationers, 10: dollar money, $3.50: raised for all purposes, $203.10.

KNOXVILLE MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL. This mission is outside of South Side Pittsburg, and was organized by Sister Rebecca Aldridge, an Evangelist of Wylie Ave. A. M. E. Church about one year ago. It is in charge of Mrs. Aldridge, who is gathering the children in. She often secures some of the ministers to preach for the people and children. Sister Aldridge is an excellent worker in the Master's vineyard. Some of the teachers are furnished by Wylie Sabbath School, and their school has assisted in supporting this mission. We would recommend that it remain under Wylie, with Mrs. Aldridge at its head.

Total raised for all purposes, $4.50.

In conclusion I would say: the preachers have worked hard for the salvation of the people, and raised all the money they could, for both local and general purposes.

We have a larger circulation of the Christian Recorder, among our people, than we had last year. Special attention has been given to every department of the church by both pastors and Presiding Elder. All of which we respectfully submit for your consideration.

Indebtedness of district	$20,588.49
Paid on debts	5,897.75
Value of church property	64,035.10
Total dollar money	705.30
Total raised for all purposes	22,127.25
Total members	1,567.

W. H. Brown,
Presiding Elder.

Motion by Dr. Palmer that the amount of $45.00, paid by Bishop Lee to secure the church at Parkersburg be refunded to him out of Conference funds. The motion prevailed.

The financial report of the church at Altoona, which had not been read before, on account of the illness of Rev. W. N. Young, was presented by that gentleman.

The following report of the Committee on Admissions was read by Rev. S. P. West:

We have examined the following candidates for admission and find them proficient or deficient, as the following grades may respectively show:

Charles Adison	51 per cent.
J. A. Latterbery	50 "
R. L. Pickard	56 "
G. T. Smith	78 "
C. J. Powell	84 "

The Conference grade being set at 70 per cent., we therefore recommend the admission of G. T. Smith and C. J. Powell.

C. Asbury,
J. W. Riley,
S. P. West,
Committee.

Pending its adoption the question was raised by Dr. Palmer as to the required per cent. for the applicants to pass.

The Bishop ordered the report laid on the table until Elder Riley should have time to bring to the Conference the record of an established precedent, hence the adoption of the report of the committee is still pending.

Report of the Committee on First Year's Studies was read by Rev. T. A. Green, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference, Greeting: We, your Committee on First Year's Studies beg to make the following report: We have examined Brothers F. E. Bowser and S. A. Lewis, as to progress made in the prescribed course of studies, and find them to have been studious and observing, and in answer to the questions propounded to them have merited the following averages:

F. E. Bowser..... 76 per cent.
S. A. Lewis..... 71 per cent.

We therefore recommend that they be advanced to the second year. Respectfully submitted,

THOS. A. GREEN,
C. A. MCGEE,
P. A. SCOTT,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Third Year, reported by Rev. J. W. Jeffries, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference: We, your Committee on Third Year's Studies, beg leave to report their work. We find each of the brothers stood a very fair examination. The following will show:

J. M. Brown..... 83 per cent.
T. J. Askew..... 73 per cent.
Eli McKnight..... 70 per cent.
J. E. Morris..... 70 per cent.

We therefore recommend that they be advanced to the Fourth Year's Studies. Respectfully submitted,

G. C. SAMPSON,
R. H. MORRIS,
J. W. JEFFRIES,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Committee on Second Year reported through Rev. G. G. Skinner, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference: We, your committee on Second Year's Studies, submit the following report: We have examined Bros. Chas. N. Butts, J. S. Eaton and F. E. Bowser in the course of studies prescribed for the second year, and find them qualified, and recommend that they be admitted to full membership in the Conference and ordained Deacons. We also recommend that Bros. Elijah Bazier and S. A. Lewis be admitted and Bro. Elijah Bazier be passed to third year's studies.

Chas. N. Butts..... 70 per cent.
J. S. Eaton..... 65 per cent.
F. E. Bowser..... 80 per cent.
Elijah Bazier..... 70 per cent.
S. A. Lewis..... 72 per cent.

J. W. Gazaway,
G. G. Skinner,
R. H. Bumry,
Committee.

Report received and adopted.

The Bishop announced that the applicants for Deacon's Orders would be elected to that office and received into full connection at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The time having arrived for the departure of Dr. Heard, he was accorded the privilege of a few parting words, which were principally in the interest of a school he is attempting to establish at Montrovia, West Africa. The address was instructive and interesting. Rev. S. P. West offered the following resolution of respect to Dr. Heard:

Whereas, Dr. W. H. Heard, D. D., the Superintendent of Missionary Work in Africa, has been with us for some days, representing the Missionary interests of our church, as well as representing *The Voice of Missions* and *Southern Christian Recorder*. And

Whereas, We realize that he is a man of power and of usefulness, therefore be it

Resolved, That we appreciate his power. That we have been helped by his instructive words and inspired by his presence.

Resolved further that we extend to him our deepest sympathy, our fullest co-operation to the end that his work for God and the Church in that benighted land may be an unqualified success.

S. P. West,
P. A. Scott.

The resolution was laid on the table until Saturday morning.

Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by Dr. W. H. Heard.

SECOND DAY, EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Elder Caliman, who announced Hymn 116, "Thou Art My Portion, O My God," which the choir and congregation sang.

Elder C. A. McGee led in prayer.

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung.

Bishop Lee, having arrived, called for the report of the Committee on Church Extension, which was read by Rev. J. J. Norris, as follows:

To the Pittsburg Annual Conference, greeting: We, your committee on Church Extension, beg to submit the following brief summary: We have examined the reports from the preachers of the various charges, and their receipts show the same to be correct.

The Pittsburg Conference has raised this year for church extension purposes, $126.28.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. Lee,
Charles Garner,
Joshua J. Norris,
Committee.

Synopsis of Annual Report of Secretary of Church Extension Board.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

We gratefully acknowledge the aid and influence vouchsafed to this department by the Bishops, Presiding Elders and Pastors, with the support given us by a loyal and noble laity, which evinces the fact that this department is at least one among the many factors which must be considered whenever and wherever the progress of the A. M. E. Church and its future usefulness is considered.

There are some things that menace the future usefulness of this department.

(a) The alarmingly increasing tendency to contract for and build churches with no *visible means whatever of paying for them*.

(b) The short contract system; under which brethren erect churches, agreeing to pay for them when completed, or so soon thereafter as to render it absolutely impossible to meet any considerable portion of the said obligations.

(c) The failure to create and maintain a reserve fund to meet great crises, which are bound to arise, and often in connection with very valuable property, where thousands of dollars must be sacrificed for want of such a reserve fund.

(d) The want of any disposition to pay the interest which accrues upon loans, or the principal when it falls due.

(e) The failure to observe the law relative to making application to the department for aid; not having all applications duly endorsed by the Presiding Elders and Bishop of Conference before being sent in for action. With the law properly observed in this regard and enforced as it relates to the payment of *accrued interest* and *matured loans*, the work of this department may be reduced to a practical basis, and to such an increased usefulness as to wonderfully brighten and enlarge the material and spiritual horizon of the church for the future.

RECEIPTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Balance		$ 6,358 33
(a) Dollar Money	$ 9,965 81	
(b) Return of Loans	2,806 00	
(c) Interest on Loans	424 76	
(d) Children's Day Money	3,958 07	
(e) Special Collections for Africa	18 35	
(f) Extra Special	80 00	
		$ 17,252 99
Grand Total Collections and Balance		$ 23,611 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total disbursements of the Department for the fiscal year, ending April 28th, 1898. (See classified disbursements)	$ 15,210 71
Balance in Treasury.....	8,400 61
Grand Total.....	$ 23,611 32

The report was laid on the table until a future session of the Conference, and Dr. C. T. Shaffer, Secretary of the Church Extension Board, was introduced and delivered a very masterly and instructive address on the subject and work of the Church Extension Society.

Dr. John W. Gazaway spoke in the interest of the Sunday School Union. The address was strong and convincing. He emphasized the advisability of having our Sunday Schools meet in the morning instead of the afternoon.

The Church Extension Committee raised a collection for that department amounting to $7.00.

The Bishop announced that at 10 o'clock to-morrow the character of the members would be examined.

The Bishop announced the presence of Sister Amanda Smith, and asked that the Conference and people treat her very cordially, as she is here by special invitation as the guest of the Conference.

The Committee on Public Worship reported through Rev. Carter Wright.

A resolution of respect to Dr. C. T. Shaffer was offered by Rev. P. A. Scott, as follows:

WHEREAS, we have had the honor of the presence of one of the most distinguished functionaries of our great church, in the person of the learned and cultured Dr. C. T. Shaffer, the prince of financiers, and

WHEREAS, our Conference has been inspired and edified by his stirring words of wisdom and prophecy, therefore be it

Resolved, That we hold Dr. Shaffer in the highest esteem and most grateful remembrance, and pledge him our most

zealous co-operation in his great work, that the grandest and most lasting results may be accomplished by his infant but glorious department.

P. A. Scott,
S. P. West.

Adopted.

The Conference adjourned with doxology and benediction by Dr. Shaffer.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Canonsburg, Pa., October 8, 1898.

Conference called to order at 9 o'clock by Bishop Lee.

Devotional services conducted by Revs. O. T. Davis and Richard Brown.

The Conference sang Hymn 332: "My Savior, My Almighty Friend." Revs. Brown and T. J. Smith led in prayer.

Elder Richard Brown led the Ritual Service.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Among the many excellent thoughts uttered by the Bishop were these: "Nothing excels Christian character." "No one can take away a man's standing, but himself."

Sister Amanda Smith was introduced, and spoke a few very kind words, and sang very sweetly, "There Is Joy In My Soul."

Rev. Daniel Newsome arrived, and reported his finances and connectional funds.

Rev. W. S. Lowry, who had been attending the funeral of Jennie Brown, made his report, as pastor of the Euclid Avenue Church, Pittsburg.

Dr. Bentley, who was away on the same mission, reported for the Washington church.

Rev. W. S. Lowry offered a verbal report of the committee appointed to attend the funeral of Jennie Brown, stating that owing to delay in shipping the corpse from Chicago, the funeral could not be held until 10 o'clock Saturday morn-

ing. The characters of all the members were examined and passed.

Rev. Bazier was questioned as to the cause of his absence from the Conference last year. He explained that his absence was due to the fact that he had not the means with which to come.

The following letter of greeting was read by the secretary, from Rev. W. H. Pride, superannuate preacher at McKeesport, who has been very sick for more than a year:

McKeesport, Pa., Oct. 6, 1898.

Beloved Bishop B. F. Lee, and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church, now in session at Canonsburg, Pa., greeting.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:—We send this greeting with joy mingled with grief. Joy because we are yet alive to see another Conference year roll around, with grief because of our absence, and that we are unable to be present. But first of all, we thank the Almighty God, our Heavenly Father for His boundless love, His ceaseless care, and His everlasting mercy which He has toward his people in all circumstances in life.

Dear Brethren:—This year has been one of the severest of my life, physically and financially, for during this year several times we had neither bread, medicine or money, this, of course, checked the progress of my recovery. Yet, in the midst of these trying ordeals we were still able to sing, "It Is Better Farther On," and we ask that the choice blessings of the Lord rest on this session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, and that it may wind up with the best of Heaven's consequences, to the converting of many souls, and unsurpassed financial success. I am not, to-day, among the craftsmen, in person, but I am with you in heart, mind and spirit, and should I never meet with you in Conference, remember, that when the Grand Assembly shall meet at the New Jerusalem, to pass inspection and receive the "Grand Master's" pass-word, you and I shall be called from "labor to reward,"

and from, "suffering to joy." Our Grand Master shall say to us, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." This pass word shall pass us into the presence of His Glory, and we shall be forever with the Lord.

From your humble servant and brother in Christ,

W. H. PRIDE.

No. 1230 Tube Works Ave.,
McKeesport, Pa.

Rev. H. A. Grant moved that Brothers Charles Adison, John A. Latterbery, Richard L. Pickard, E. E. Obrient and Pierce Moore who did not stand the examination for admission be available to the Bishop and Presiding Elders to be used when needed. The motion prevailed.

Rev. G. C. Sampson moved that the standard for admission to the Pittsburg Conference be fixed at 70 per cent. The motion prevailed.

Bros. G. T. Smith and C. J. Powell were brought before the altar and examined by the Bishop as to their qualifications for admission.

Rev. S. A. Lewis was received into full connection by the Bishop. Revs. F. E. Bowser, J. S. Eaton and C. N. Butts were received into full connection and elected to the office of deacon; also Bro. C. J. Powell for special missionary work. Bros. C. J. Powell and Geo. T. Smith were admitted on trial. The Bishop gave those admitted some very kind and fatherly instructions and closed with an earnest prayer.

The Conference extended the right hand of fellowship to those received, and adjourned with benediction by Rev. B. Wheeler.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 2:30 o'clock by Bishop Lee. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Pierce Moore.

The Bishop appointed the Revs. D. F. Caliman, T. A. Green and B. H. Lee, committee on the Connectional Preachers' Aid Society, and asked the committee to be ready to report Monday morning.

Rev. R. H. Morris read his financial report.

The Rev. Wm. Scruggs, of the U. P. Church was introduced and spoke briefly.

Bro. Charles Adison was excused from the Conference to return home.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was submitted by Rev. S. C. Honesty, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference: We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following as our report: There can be no denial of the demoralizing effect of the liquor traffic.

The church has settled that question and pronounced it to be the greatest enemy Christianity has to fight.

The church is established for good. The liquor traffic is antagonistic to it and is for bad. The church comes to keep and bring happiness into the home and the nation. The saloon comes to bring misery, shame and suffering in its train. It is said that $8,000,000 is spent annually for intoxicant beverages in Allegheny County alone, bringing its consequent wickedness, want and misery in the home and community.

What intemperance is doing in the above named county it is doing to a more or less degree wherever its evil practices predominate.

It is said that more lose their lives annually from strong drink than it cost the United States to suppress the rebellion in the Civil War. In the face of all these evil consequences, the church and state should be more active in their efforts and more pronounced in their speech for the suppres-

sion of the saloon and liquor traffic.

We believe that each individual minister should contend for prohibitory provision in the constitution of every state.

It should be understood that every minister is an enemy to the saloon and liquor traffic.

We believe that it is the duty of every minister to discountenance the use of tobacco in every form.

While Intemperance is moving on as a formidable antagonist, there are mighty forces at work for the suppression of the liquor traffic. Foremost are the W. C. T. U., Sons of Temperance and the Anti-Saloon League.

We recommend that they be regarded as mighty arms which are being stretched out in the providence of God to assist the Church in the overthrow of the evil of Intemperance. But above all we believe the Holy Spirit is the ferment which will cause the Church and different auxiliaries to be effective in putting down this great evil. And as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has asked the co-operation of our Church to the end that the fourth Sunday in November may be adopted and observed as a Temperance Day, we therefore recommend that the churches of this Conference adopt this day as an annual Temperance day.

DANIEL NEWSOME,
S. C. HONESTY,
S. CHRISTIAN,
Committee.

Rev. H. A. Grant moved the adoption of the report.

The report was endorsed and discussed by Revs. H. A. Grant, T. J. Smith, Dr. Palmer, Dr. Gazaway, Rev. Sampson and others.

Rev. J. P. Wallace offered an amendment to the report asking that the usual Temperance Lesson be added to the Sunday School Lesson Papers. Motion prevailed.

Bishop Lee said "We should have temperance on principle and regulation."

Elder Riley said he believed in "sensible" temperance, which, he said, is *temperate temperance.*]

Bro. T. J. Smith signed the pledge of total abstinence from the use of tobacco.

The Temperance Report was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Publications was read by H. A. Grant:

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

We, your Committee on Publication of the A. M. E. Church, respectfully submit the following report: There is a very close relationship between literature and life, between literature and humanity, between literature and everything in those matters which for their success depend upon united action. The church historians tell you that the Lord Jesus Christ wrote nothing. That may or may not be true. But the men to whom he committed the work which he had begun wrote very much, and it is their Master's Word through these writings that so mightily influences the world. And then when darkness had for centuries been settled down on the world, and the light of day began to break in western Europe, that illumination came from the writings of the Reformers, and their pens were proven to be mightier than the swords of their opponents. Those of you who are familiar with English history know that the writings of the time had much to do in unifying and inspiring the Puritan forces of that country in their efforts to get rid of a race of degenerate kings. Whatever can be said of any literature can as truly be said of denominational literature. We, as African Methodists, have a fine, copious and varied literature, all things considered. We have literature expository, analytical, controversial, historical and biographical.

LOYAL TO THE BIBLE.

Where shall be begin in speaking about our denominational literature, specifying it? We must speak that which has

been spoken of every day of this Conference. Let us be loyal to the Bible. That is our fundamental literature; that is the source whence everything has come which is worth our retaining. This book that God has given us has made us, and to-day the warrant for our existence is not this, that there are certain religious phenomena that say that God appeals to our organization; but that God's Word demands that we be what we are. For the sake of the world, for the sake of the truth, for the sake of the God that sent it from above, let us be loyal to the Bible first.

The denominational newspaper. What the secular newspaper has done for the world at large our denominational newspapers have done for our people at large. We must stand by our denominational papers. The *Christian Recorder*, *Southern Christian Recorder*, and *Voice of Missions*, "the organs through which the Church speaks," are ably managed and edited, and have taken their place with the advanced journalism of this country. They sound a clarion note among our churches to arouse to a new consecration, education and enlistment of our young people. Our Sabbath School literature is sound, pure and progressive, and we urge that every pastor continue his loyalty to this department of our church. The twenty-first revised edition of the Discipline shows marked improvement, and it is the indispensible duty of every pastor to impress upon the minds of his congregration the necessity of having one in order to understand the laws, rules and doctrines of our Church. The Hymn Book published by the Church, all things considered, is good, and your committee would recommend that each pastor take a greater interest in its circulation. The *Quarterly Review*, the literary foundation of the Church, is doing well its work in the "world of letters," proving to all, the advancement and intellectuality of the Afro-American. We have only words of commendation for the *District Circular*

edited by Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., the value of which to both pastor and people is highly appreciated.

H. A. Grant,
S. A. Lewis,
T. A. J. West,
Committee.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. R. H. Morris.

THIRD DAY, EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Dr. T. W. Henderson, who announced hymn No 10, "From All That Dwell Below the Skies," which the Conference sang.

Rev. Richard Brown prayed.

The report of the committee on the "State of the Church and Country" was read by Rev. C. A. McGee, as follows:

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Conference:

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we are permitte to assembled ourselves in Annual Conference Session.

Since our last meeting, one year ago, great and stirring events have passed and have shocked our country from the Great Lakes on the north to the Gulf on the south, and from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west. Yet have we through the tender mercies of an Allwise and just God, been spared once more to assemble ourselves in an Annual Conference. God has abundantly blessed us and notwithstanding the war and rumors of wars, and the seeming danger of international complications which so much threatened our country's peace and prosperity, have all, we are glad to know, under the guidance of a Just God, passed away, and we real ize from the very depths of our souls the fact that God rules, therefore the country is safe and the church moves on to victory. The church has many reasons for giving thanks and praises unto the Lord for the success which has attended her along all lines of work. Indeed this is an age of Christian

activity and generosity, the growing spirit of Christian activity is strongly manifest in the establishing of numerous schools and colleges which, magic like, are springing up all over our land, for the education and training of young men and women for Christian work ; and as the beacon lights on the shores of the Atlantic serve to warn the mariner of the dangerous shoals and rocks that lie beneath the placid surface, against which their vessels might be destroyed, so are these men and women going out as shining lights in the world, warning mankind against the snares and pitfalls of Satan, which lie so calmly beneath the seemingly unruffled surface of socalled innocent pleasure, which tends to destroy both sonl and body. That Christian generosity abounds throughout our land,needs no word of argument from us, for it asserts itself in the prompt and hearty response to the call for aid to support and maintain these glorious and useful institutions.

The church moves on and the good work goes forward. According to a statement made by the N. Y. Independent, at the close of the year 1897 there was of all denominations in this country,

Ministers	139,234
Church buildings	134,824
Communicants	25,919,027

Being a total gain over the year 1896 of

Ministers	3,204
Churches	2,827
Communicants	630,951

While we have reason to rejoice for these gains, we regret to note that the net gains are much less than those of former years, as follows ;

Ministers	1,500
Churches	800
Communicants	113,500

We are glad to notice that our Church is keeping pace with other denominations and her work and efforts in Christianizing

the world are second to none. In fact in every department of our church work there seems to be advancement and improvement over former years.

As regards our standing in comparison with other religious bodies we notice that while the gains of the M. E. Church for the year 1897 were 14,384, our Church increased her membership by 14,696, and this is the more remarkable when we remember that the M. E. Church has a membership of 2,689,000 while ours can marshal but 630,550. And while we congratulate ourselves on the progress made and feel very grateful to God for the success he has given us, yet we are not ignorant of the fact that at no time in the world's history was wickedness and ungodliness more appalling than at present, nor so much wordliness as now exists in the Church. Foully the spirit of the world predominates in many churches. It is also a fact that the churches are not reaching the masses. And we are not obeying the Divine command, "Go preach the Gospel to every creature." The masses are not coming to the churches and the churches are not reaching the masses.

While statistics show that the proportion of church members to the population in 1800 was but one-third as large as in 1890, it does not necessarily follow that the proportion of the population that attend church has increased in like ratio, and it is to be deplored by all Christians, that the number of attendants who are not members have been greatly decreased, until now it is a very narrow margin. The great body of church attendants to-day are its members and the children of members. Thus while the Church has grown more rapidly than the population, at the same time I believe that it has been losing its hold upon the multitude. Mr. Moody said a few years ago that "the gulf between the Church and the masses was growing wider, deeper and darker every hour. Through minute and careful investigations conducted in hundreds of towns and cities, it has been ascertained that less than one-half of the inhabitants attend any church at all. Therefore, truly is the "harvest great." But this is

also a period of great missionary effort. We believe that there is now a larger number of men and women consecrating their lives to the cause of mission work than at any other period in the history of the Church. Nor at any other time has such vast sums of money been given and employed in mission work as at present, and we believe that in proportion to our membership and wealth, the efforts in our Church in the missionary work are equal to, if not in advance of all other denominations. Her influence along this line is daily expanding. This fact becomes the more apparent, and the active part we are taking in the spreading of the Gospel to all nations of the earth, can be comprehended only when we take into consideration such steps as the recent trip of Bishop H. M. Turner to South Africa, which stands unparalled in the history of missionary work. Going as it were to that far-off and benighted land, empty-handed in a financial sense, yet full of the love of God and an acute sense of duty, taking God and His promises only, as his guide, and with a determination to succeed he went forth on his perilous voyage. But the Great Master was with him and crowned his efforts with abundant success, and as a result we are happy to credit to the enterprise of our Church the organization of two Conferences, the ordaining of over 100 ministers, the installing of 11,000 members into the Church, the ordaining of a Vicar Bishop, in order that the work might be more carefully and systematically carried on, and the plans for the founding of an institution of learning, are to be highly praised as the proper thing to be done, a step in the right direction that will yield good and abundant fruits to the glory and honor of God. And we heartily commend the good judgment of the Board of Missions on the selection of such representative men as Dr. W. H. Heard, for Superintendent of Missions on the west coast of Africa, and the appointment of Rev. Astwood to organize and look after the interests of our Church in Cuba.

We are highly encouraged by the noble start he has made and have reason to rejoice in the fact that our church was the

first of the 150 denominations of America to raise the banner of Christ and Free Gospel in Cuba. We thank God that our country is safe from outward foes, and for the prosperous condition which now prevails. Though but a few weeks since, our land was threatened with the dark shadows of war, with all its evil attendants, misery, suffering and death, and while we deprecate wars with all their deplorable conditions, yet we believe the hand of God was plainly visible in the war with Spain, liberating as it did, a crushed and down-trodden people from the iron hand of tyranny and oppression, and vouchsafing to them that great and sacred right inherent in all men, the right to serve God according to the dictates of their own mind and conscience,and we further believe that the recent war with Spain has conclusively demonstrated to the nations of the earth, that we are as bold and powerful in time of war as we are lenient and generous in time of peace and that America is in many respects, truly a great country. The prosperous condition of our country is due in part to the wise policy adopted by the administration at Washington under the discreet and learned statesman and Christian, Wm. McKinley. The Christian and humane spirit manifested by him toward his enemies, during the recent war, and his wise and careful rulings in all national and international affairs, have been favorably commented upon by the world at large.

No one can fail to recognize the improved condition of the country under the present administration over that of the one before.

But another and indeed the greatest reason for the prosperity which exists in our land is the goodness of an All-wise God, who has so abundantly blessed us with large and profitable crops of wheat, corn and other agricultural products sufficient to enable us not only to feed ourselves, but to send large quantities to those whom fortune failed to smile upon so agreeably as it did upon us.

While the political condition of the country is not all for which we could hope, its general interests are in a flourishing condition, the financial basis upon which the business

interests are constructed is firm and unyielding.

It is to be regretted that among the laboring classes there exists some dissatisfaction and unrest, yet we find consolation in the fact that their condition, though not so good as we would have it, is still far in advance of those in many other parts of the world, as statistics show that laborers in America are better paid than in any other country.

Yet, while we feel safe from our foes without, we fear that we are not safe from foes within. Christ said that "a man's enemies are of his own household," and what is true of the individual is also true of the nation. We may be able to conquer all foes without and be unable to save ourselves from those among us.

Dr Strong of N. Y., in his great book, "Our Country" speaks of the difficulties that confront us as, the perils of the nation, 1st, Emigratiom; 2d, Romanism; 3d, Mormonism; 4th, Intemperance; 5th, Socialism; 6th, Wealth; 7th, The Cities. These are all grave problems that confront the American people and demand speedy solution. But we believe that to these ought to be added the Race problem. No other question of so great importance as that known as the "Negro Problem" confronts the American people to-day. In it is involved the doctrine of human rights, the duty of man to man, and the essential principles of Christianity. Seemingly in every department of life in this country the Negro is discriminated against. All the avenues of advancement are, in a measure, closed against him. Obstacles to impede his progress in life are strewn around him.The world seems to say "Get thee behind Negro."

Not only is he denied a fair and impartial trial by law for the crimes alleged against him, but is being shot down by the foulest, most heinous and blood thirsty fiends the country can afford, without trial, law or jury. We sincerely deplore the condition of affairs as regards our race, and the weakness of our government in their behalf. A government that boasts of its freedom and liberty, of its protection to its citizens, (especially if they own a white skin) in the

remotest parts of the earth.

The country will spend millions of dollars to avenge the death of a white citizen abroad, yet it is absolutely powerless to protect its citizens of a dark hue at home, from the outrages of a lawless mob. It is asserted that during the war with Spain some 50 of our people were lynched in the South, and it is thought that not less than 50,000 have been murdered thus since the declaration of freedom, and still the heinous work goes on, and when we protest we are invariably met with the assertion that negroes are lynched for the one crime; this we claim is a malicious falsehood concocted for the base purpose of misleading the public, an excuse intended to cover up the crimes of the nation.

A careful investigation will show that less than one-third of the negroes lynched are charged with the crime of rape, and doubtless with a fair and unbiased trial many of this number would be found innocent. The heart of this nation is not right toward the negro.

These outrages could not have continued this long had they not in a measure been invited, endorsed and fostered by public opinion. Create a strong and hearty sentiment against lawlessness, educate the public mind to the fact that disregard for the law along this line, but breeds contempt of law in all of its phases, and soon such fiendish crimes will be known only as things of the past. While most of these crimes are perpetrated in the South, yet we hold that the nation is responsible to and guilty before God. The arm of this government is and ought to be sufficiently strong to give adequate protection to every one of its citizens. If we are able to free Cuba from the tyranny of oppression; if we can wrest from Spain her possessions in both oceans, adopt her subjects and guarantee perfect protection to them, therefore we should be fully able to protect the life and property of our own citizens at home. We regret that the color of our skin becomes so offensive. When we are placed in positions of honor and trust; when we simply exercise the right of a citizen of the United States we provoke such in-

human brutal outrages as the murder of Postmaster Baker and child at Lake City, S. C. Was it for the usual crime? No, Baker had committed no offense unless to be a Postmaster is an offense. But he was guilty of having a dark skin. He was a criminal because he accepted an appointment from the government, an act which becomes one of the foulest crimes in the South when the actor is a negro. We hold that it is the duty of this government to thoroughly investigate this outrage, spare no pains, leave no stone unturned until the authors of this fiendish act are apprehended. all guilty parties brought to justice and satisfaction fully rendered.

While these things are true, we believe that conditions as they relate to our people are constantly improving. Eleven of the men accused of the murder of Postmaster Baker have been arrested and are waiting trial in prison. This could not have been a few years ago.

Therefore be it resolved that we urge the government to give protection to our people in the South.

Resolved, that we urge our people to conduct themselves in such a manner that they can at all times demand the respect and protection of the state and nation.

CARTER WRIGHT,
C. A. MCGEE,
J. P. STEPHENS,
Committee.

Rev. R. M. Henderson moved the adoption of the report, pending which the following persons spoke, after singing "America."

Dr. W. H. Palmer—"The report is one of the ablest documents that has been presented to this Conference in 19 years." He further said: "The emancipation of the race was too sudden, it should have been gradual—the older ones first then the younger."

Dr. Bentley—"The report excels any I have ever listen-to. The civilization of the 19th Century has been outraged by

the inhuman treatment of the colored people in the South. God has His hand upon the throat of this government, and his purposes are ripening fast, unfolding every hour."

Rev. McKnight—"The heart of this nation is not against the negro, for many of the most representative people are annually giving their thousands for the education and Christianization of the colored race all over the land."

Rev. T. J. Smith after citing several instances of southern outrages, said: "I believe in taking our troubles to God, but also in taking a musket."

Rev. Stephens commended the report very highly.

Rev. Grant—"The heart of this nation does seem to be against us, in that most avenues of life are closed against us."

Rev. Riley referred to the kindness of the people of the Methodist Church in tendering the use of their church for the Conference as an evidence of the fraternal feeling existing between the races.

Rev. A. R. Palmer urged that we become mechanics and producers.

Rev. Jeffries said "God has the nation in his charge, and he will take care of us."

Rev. R. M. Henderson said, "Ever since Bishop Arnett placed that magnificent Bible in the hands of President McKinley, the Negro has been gaining in recognition by the present administration."

Dr. T. W. Henderson said that in the 64 Conferences he has attended in the last two years he has "never heard such an able report as the one read to-night."

The report was adopted.

Rev. P. A. Scott presented a suit of clothes to Rev. D. F. Caliman, on behalf of the Allegheny District, and Rev. J. W. Jeffries responded, Elder Caliman being absent with the Bishop.

After announcements the Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Dr. Asbury.

FOURTH DAY—SUNDAY SERVICES.

Canonsburg, Pa., Oct. 9, 1898.

Conference Love Feast conducted by Revs. R. Brown, A. Smothers and T. A. Green, at 9 o'clock, in which a large number of ministers, and lay members participated.

At 10:30 o'clock the church choir sang the anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," and Dr. Henderson announced Hymn 293, "How Beauteous Are Their Feet Who Stand on Zion's Hill," which was sung, and Rev. Benjamin Wheeler led in prayer. Bishop Lee read the 16th chapter of Luke, and Dr. Asbury led the ritual service.

"Look and Live" was sung.

The Bishop's Second Scripture Lesson was 15 verses of the 15th chapter of Luke, and selected as his text Luke 5: 4 and 10 verses.

"And Simon answering, said unto him, 'Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net'. And Jesus said unto Simon, 'Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.'"

The Bishop said "a sermon to men who are to be ordained, should be to the hearts of men."

He said "the chief calling of a Minister of the Gospel is to catch men, in every walk of life, and with all manner of surroundings. Catch the rich, catch the poor, catch the friendly, catch those who oppose and criticise —catch men!

The sermon was logical and masterly throughout, and received the closest attention of all present.

The Bishop closed with an earnest prayer.

The choir sang, "I Will Not Forget Thee," and a collection was raised amounting to $22.03.

Brothers Jacob Spencer Eaton, Charles Newton Butts, Francis Erastus Bowser, and Charles James Powell, having been elected to the office of deacon, on Saturday, were pre-

sented by the Committee on Second Year's Studies, and after being duly obligated, were solemnly ordained deacons in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, by Bishop Lee.

The Lord's Supper was administered, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Lee.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2:30 o'clock the Canonsburg Sunday School met, and sang, "Jesus the Crucified," and Brother R. L. Pickard led in prayer.

Rev. Carter Wright, the pastor, introduced Revs. J. P. Q. Wallace, B. D., J. W. Gazaway, D. D., and D. S. Bentley, D. D., who spoke to the school very earnestly and instructively.

At 3 o'clock the choir chanted, "There's Room For You to Anchor," and Sister Amanda Smith announced the hymn, "Lord, I Hear of Showers of Blessings," which the large congregation sang heartily.

Sister Smith read the 1st chapter of the Acts, and led very earnestly a precious consecration service, in which many were richly blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"Walk in the Light," was sung and a collection raised amounting to $17.30.

MEMORIAL SERVICES—4:30 P. M.

"Hark From the Tomb," was announced by Dr. T. W. Henderson, and sung by the congregation.

Rev. C. A. McGee read the 90th Psalm.

Hymn 436, "Servant of God, Well Done," was sung and Rev. McGee led in prayer.

After singing, "When the Mists Have Rolled Away," led by the choir, the report of the Committee on Memoirs was read by Rev. R. H. Morris, as follows:

Dear Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Conference:

We, your committee on Memorial desire to submit the following report: Once more it becomes our painful duty to chronicle the death of one of our young ladies, Miss Jennie C. Brown, oldest child of Rev. W. H. Brown, Presiding Elder and Senior member of our Conference; Sister Jennie was born in Meadville, Pa., January 28, 1870. She embraced a hope in Christ at the age of 12 years. She was of sweet disposition, kind hearted and affectionate to father, mother, sister and brother, and none knew her but to love her; she was quite intelligent, refined and noble in her ways, yet unassuming and pleasant. She departed this life October 5th, at 10 a. m., in the City of Chicago, Ill., at the age of 28 years, in the living faith.

We are also pained to inform you that another companion and brother has fallen in our ranks, in the person of Rev. Richard Tanner, a Christian brother and an able preacher. We bow in humble submission to Almighty God knowing that he doeth all things well. Rev. Richard Tanner was born in Pittsburg, Pa, in 1844. He joined the Pittsburg Conference in Erie in 1879. He served the following charges: E E. Pittsburg, S. S. Pittsburg, Youngstown, O., Meadville, Pa., Wilkesbarre, Pa., Scranton, Pa., Williamsport, Pa., and Chartiers, Allegheny, Pa. where he died in the faith April 2d, 1898, aged 53 years.

We have been called to note the death of another great leader and Bishop, of our great connection, in the person of Rt. Rev. Josiah Haynes Armstrong, D. D, who heard the Master's call, and entered the city of the Jasper Walls, March 23, 1898, at Galveston, Texas. The Church has lost a great and strong leader. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the death of Miss Jennie C. Brown, the race has lost a true and faithful young woman, and the family a loving bright jewel. Be it further

RESOLVED, That we condole with the family in this hour of

sore affliction and commend them to God who doeth all things well. Also in the death of Rev. Richard Tanner, the Church has lost an able preacher. Therefore be it further

RESOLVED, That in the departure of our dear brother, the Pittsburg Conference has lost one of its most able preachers, and that we commend the bereaved widow and children to God in this hour of sorrow and bereavement. Also be it

RESOLVED, That the church and race has lost a noble leader and a great and good man in the person of the Rt. Rev. Josiah Haynes Armstrong, D. D.

RESOLVED, That we bow to the mandate of Almighty God, and commend the widow and friends to Him who doeth all things for the best.

Sister Mary Melissa Simmons was born in Washington county, Pa., June 30th, 1840. Was married to Rev. T. J. Simmons on Feb. 19, 1863. She embraced religion in the year 1858 ; 40 years a Christian and died June 6th, 1898, aged 58 years. She was a sister of Rebecca J. Morris, late widow of Rev. J. M. Morris. It is with sadness we speak of her departure. Sister Mary M. Simmons was an exemplary Christian, all these years. It is with profound sorrow we bow to Divine Providence.

RESOLVED, we commend the bereaved husband, the Rev. T. J. Simmons to God's providence who orders all things right.

Died in Bellefonte, Pa., November 21st, 1897, Douglas Woodson, infant son of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus P. Woodson, aged 4 months and twenty-one days.

God in his Divine Providence saw fit to take that tender plant from earth's dangers and sorrows, and transplant it in the realms of endless day.

S. A. LEWIS,
C. A. MCGEE,
R. H. MORRIS,
Committee.

Rev. B. Wheeler very touchingly reported the death of Sister West, the widow of the late Wm. West.

Dr Asbury spoke very kindly of Jennie Brown, saying she was the "first born" of the Pittsburg Conference, and was loved and admired by all who knew her. Elder Wheeler also spoke very kindly of Jennie Brown.

The Conference joined in singing, "On the Happy Golden Shore."

Dr. T. W. Henderson delivered a very interesting eulogy in honor of the late Bishop Josiah H. Armstrong.

Rev. Richard Tanner was very affectionately eulogized by Dr. William H. Palmer.

Rev. O. T. Davis spoke of the life and character of Sister Simmons, the late wife of Rev. T. J. Simmons.

The Memorial Service closed at 5:30 o'clock with benediction by Rev. I. B. Till.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.

Opening hymn 469, "Vain Man Thy Fond Pursuits Forbear." Prayer by Dr. T. W. Henderson. "Come Unto Me, All Ye That Are Weary," sung by choir. Anthem, "Why Stand Ye Idle," by choir. Dr. Henderson selected as his text, John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again.

The Doctor said he had "given up so much preaching to Christians, and was trying all over the country to save sinners." The discourse was powerful and earnest. At the conclusion an appeal was made to the audience to become Christians, and several persons arose for prayers, five coming forward and joining the church.

While the choir sang a collection was raised amounting to $14.75.

The Bishop announced that at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning the Preachers' Aid Society would meet, and at 10:30 o'clock the Historical and Literary Society.

He said the Mite Missionary Society would meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the Educational Meeting at night.

Meeting closed with benediction by Dr. T. W. Henderson.

FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at nine o'clock by Rev. D. F. Caliman.

Rev. R. M. Henderson announced hymn No. 381, "Lord in the Morning," which was sung, and Rev. T. J. Askew read the 120th Psalm. Rev. Henderson led in prayer.

The minutes of the Saturday and Sunday sessions were read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Riley moved that at one o'clock the Conference retire to the front of the church to be photographed. The motion prevailed.

The Conference adjourned and the Preachers' Aid Society went into session.

MINUTES.

OF THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

Canonsburg, Pa., Oct. 10, 1898.

The Preacher's Aid Society of the Pittsburg Annual Conference met on the above date with its President, Rev. P. A. Scott, in the chair.

After singing "A Charge to Keep I Have," the chairman prayed.

The roll was called and nearly all the members paid their annual dues of $1.00.

The Death Assessment roll was next in order, and Rev. J. W. Riley asked for the reading of that part of our constitution which binds negligent members to pay a fine of 25cts. in addition to the assessment of $1.00.

The constitution was read by Rev. G. C. Sampson, which clearly set forth that after due notice of the death of a member has been given by the Secretary, all members failing to pay the sum of $1.00 to the Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society within 30 days from time of said notice, shall be fined 25cts, in addition to regular assessment.

The roll was called, and the members present paid their assessments and fines.

Rev. J. W. Riley moved that, in consideration of the fact that Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace was in Florida at the time of the death of Rev. Richard Tanner, he be exonerated from the payment of an assessment.

The motion prevailed.

Rev. Daniel Newsome read the following report of funds sent him for Rev. W. H. Pride:

To the President and members of the Preachers' Aid Society, I wish to make the following report of funds sent me during the year to aid Rev. Wm. H. Pride in his severe illness:

From the Allegheny District Conference	$	4 29
" Bradford, J. P. Stephens, Pastor		5 00
" Franklin, S. P. West, "		1 00
" Monongahela, B. Wheeler, "		1 53
" Titusville, G. C. Sampson, "		5 00
" Clarksburg, W. Va., R. Brown, Pastor		3 88
" T. J. Askew,		1 00
" Scranton, H. A. Grant, Pastor		2 00
" Altoona, W. N. Young, "		1 00
" Homestead, H. G. Thomas "		2 00
" Ministerial Association		2 15
" Allegheny (Brown Chapel) R. H. Morris		3 55
" D. F. Caliman, (Presiding Elder)		2 00
" McKeesport, D. Newsome Pastor		15 00
Total received	$	49 40

All of which has been paid over to Bro. Pride.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NEWSOME.

The report was approved.

Motion, by Rev. J. W. Riley, that the present officers be re-elected for another year, with the exception that the name of Rev. B. Wheeler be substituted for Rev. George C. Sampson, who resigned, as Treasurer.

The motion prevailed.

The hour having arrived for the Historical and Literary Society to go into session, The Preachers' Aid Society ad-

journed to meet Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock in adjourned session.

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 12, 1898.

The Preachers' Aid Society reconvened at 8:30, with Rev. P. A Scott, presiding.

Devotional exercises conducted by Revs. Eli McKnight and John W. Brown.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, Treasurer, read his annual report of funds, as follow:

Amount in hand at the rise of last Conference, $163.03. Received as death assessments of Rev. R.Tanner, who died April, 2, 1898, one dollar from each of the following brethren: B. H. Lee, T. J. Askew, C. N. Woodson. R. H. Morris, George C. Sampson, W. N. Young, D. F. Caliman, A. Smothers, O. T. Davis, J. W. Brown, B. Wheeler, C. A. McGee, G. W. Webster, Sandy Christian. Total, $14.00.

Amount on hand from last year	$163 03
Amount dues received at Conference	40 00
Death assessment	30 00
Total received and on hand	$247 03

EXPENDITURES.

To Rev. J. W. Jeffries, sick benefits	12 00
" " J. S. Eaton, " "	18 00
" " Richard Tanner, sick "	6 00
" " W. H. Pride, " "	15 00
" " Alexander Smothers, sick benefits	15 00
" " W. S. Lowry, sick benefits	18 00
" " A. R. Palmer, " "	9 00
" " G. C. Sampson, " "	6 00
" " Eli McKnight, " "	15 00
" Mrs. Nancy Tanner, death assessment,	43 00
" balance on loan,	10 50
" printing and postage,	2 39
Total expenditures,	$169 89
Balance in treasury,	77 14

which amount has been paid over to the Treasurer-Elect, Rev. Benj. Wheeler.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. SAMPSON, Treas.

Rev. R. H. Bumry moved that the report be received and referred to an auditing committee. The motion prevailed, and the following committee was appointed: J. W. Riley, Richard Brown, R. H. Morris.

Motion by Dr. Bentley, that the pastors of Brown Chapel, Chartiers Street, and Euclid Avenue churches constitute the Executive Committee,

The motion prevailed.

The Auditing Committee verified the report of the Ex-Treasurer, G. C. Sampson, and the Preacher's Aid Society adjourned.

P. A. SCOTT, Pres.
I. B. TILL, Secy.

Constitution of the Preachers' Aid Society:

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Preachers' Aid Society of the Pittsburg Conference of the African M. E. Church.

Article 2. Composition. This Association shall be composed of members of the Pittsburg Conference, subject to the rules and regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Article 3. Membership. Any member of the Pittsburg Conference may become a member of this Association by the payment of one dollar ($1.00) and subscribing to this Constitution and By-Laws, and any member transferring to another Conference of our Church, may, by the payment of his regular dues, continue his membership.

Article 4. Meetings. This Association shall meet annually at the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference, the time of its session, however, to be designated by the presiding Bishop.

Article 5. Officers. The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an

Executive Committee of three, who shall be the pastors of Brown Chapel and Chartiers Street Churches in Allegheny, and Euclid Avenue Church, East End Pittsburg; each officer shall continue in office until death, resignation or the election of a successor; and an election shall be held at each annual meeting.

Article 6. Section 1—Dues. Each member of the Society shall pay one dollar ($1.00) per annum as dues, and one dollar ($1.00) assessment upon the death of a member of the Society.

Section 2. Upon the death of a member of the Society the Secretary shall, upon receiving notice of the same, notify by postal card each member of the Society to forward to the Treasurer said assessment of one dollar ($1.00) and any member failing to send said assessment within thirty (30) days from date of *notice*, shall be *fined twenty-five cents*, which fine shall be paid over (by the Treasurer) to the legal heirs or representatives of the deceased, for which shall be given a receipt, that shall be countersigned by the President and Secretary of the Society.

Section 3. Upon receiving funds of the Society the Treasurer shall deposit the same in one of the safe and solvent banks of the city or town in which he resides, and a certificate of deposit shall be satisfactory evidence of the discharge of this duty.

Article 7. Sick Benefits. Section 1. Any member of this Society who is incapacitated for service by sickness or accident, and under the care of a physician, shall forward to the Secretary a certificate of such illness from his physician, and on receiving such certificate the Secretary shall direct the Treasurer to pay to said brother the sum of three dollars ($3.00) per week, providing such illness does not exceed six weeks; but no member shall be eligible to such an amount unless he is unable to perform his pastoral duties.

Section 2. Any member being under the care of a phycician and yet able to perform his pastoral duties, shall report the same to the chairman of the Executive Committee,

which shall take the matter under advisement, and report its findings to the annual Conference.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall pay out no money except upon a written order drawn by the Secretary and signed by the President. He shall give bond for double the amount received by him, said bond to be approved by the Society at its annual meeting.

Article 8. This Constitution can only be amended by a two-third-vote of all the members present.

Constitution committee.—C. Asbury, W. H. Brown, R. H. Bumry, D. S. Bentley, I. N. Ross.

FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 2:30, by Bishop Lee.

Dr. H. B. Parks, secretary of the Missionary Department, Rev. Linear, pastor Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, and Rev. I. N. Ross, of St. Pauls A. M. E. Church, Columbus, Ohio, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Parks greeted the Conference in a few very kind words, saying, "This comes nearer being my ideal Conference than any I have ever seen."

Dr. Parkerson of the Presbyterian church extended to the Conference a cordial invitation to visit the old Log College, at 4 o'clock Tuesday.

Elder Green moved that we accept the invitation and, if it be possible, go at that hour. Carried.

The committee on Sunday School Union reported by Rev. B. A. L. Powell, who also read a statement from the Sunday School Union.

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church, greeting:

Dear Bishop and Brethren—Your Committee on Sunday School Union respectfully submit the following with the greatest care. When we consider the phenomenal growth of this organization which in age is only a boy but in growth a giant, we bow our heads in acknowledgment to Almighty God; in the language of the immortal Wesley: "The best of all the Lord is with

us." Although the Conference has contributed largely to this institution, both past and present, let us not be satisfied with the same sums every year, but let our contributions be in harmony with the word—Excelsior. If this is done, sooner than we expect the Sunday School Union will reach its meridian splendor. Rev. Smith like Robert Raikes, who founded the first Sabbath School in 1784, has worked with unflagging perseverence and has truly magnified his office. Many poor Sabbath Schools have been made to rejoice by the generous hand of this Union, and still would rejoice if contributions were larger; to win and educate young and old, biblically, and to interject heavenly ideas into the minds of many, as the Sabbaths go by. It may be the older people you may not be able to teach. But feed my lambs, said Christ, our Shepherd. Place the food within their reach. And may be the children you have led with trembling hand, will be found among your jewels when we reach the better land. We are in possession of receipts from Rev. C. S. Smith, showing the faithful generosity of the Pittsburg Conference.

From West Virginia, $22.72; from other districts, $121.80; brought to Conference, $4.80; grand total, $149.32; more than last year, $5.30.

This amount is good and we can trust God for the future. But let us not forget that the largest room in the world is the room for improvement. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the members of the Pittsburg Conference will use all means and ways for the support of this institution. And see to it that the children in each Sabbath School are taught in time to work in behalf of this Union. Very heartily we remain your committee and servants of the Lord Jesus.

I. B. TILL,
M. S. JONES.
B. A. L. POWELL.

The Sixteenth Annual Statement of the Secretary and Treasurer of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1898:

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 1, 1898.

Dear Father and brethren—The nineteenth century is rapidly

drawing to a close. All organizations, both religious and secular, are bending every energy to meet the dawn of the twentieth century with as great a showing of strength and development as is possible.

The Sunday School Union of the African Methodist Episcopal Church now raises its standard, and calls to supreme action and effort all of its forces, so that it may meet the dawn of the twentieth century with largely increased numbers, more perfect organization, better discipline, more qualified teachers, and better equipped in every particular to meet the demands of the age.

To this end we invite your most earnest co-operation in stimulating the work and increasing our numbers. it is estimated that the numerical strength of our Sunday-schools is about 350,000 we shall aim to fully increase it to 500,000. To accomplish this, every Sunday school officer and teacher should consider himself or herself a recruiting officer, and go out in the streets and alleys of our large cities and towns, and in the highways and hedges of our villages and country places, and try to gather in the thousands of neglected children who have not yet been brought under the influence of Sunday-school instruction. Then we should aim to organize new Sunday-schools wherever possible. In this particular much missionary work can be done, for surely the fields are white with harvest. Let us adopt for our fervent prayer the stirring, pathetic words of the song:

"Who will help us to garner in
The sheaves of good from the fields of sin?"

This department will gladly supply with literature any new Sunday-schools wherever and whenever organized.

The only incident of an unusual character which occurred during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1898, was the order of the Building Commissioners of this city to tear down and reconstruct the greater part of the east wall of your Sunday-school Union building, which, I am glad to be able to report, was accomplished without accident or unnecessary delay. The total cost of the work was $1,055.20, of which $15 was for architectural service.

The total receipts for the year were as follows:

To Business, ...	$15,353 46
To Children's Day money, . . .	3,525 00
Total, ...	$18,878 46
Expenditures, ...	17,965 34
Balance, ...	$ 913 12

Bidding you Godspeed in your labors, and wishing you abundant success, fraternally,

C. S. SMITH,
Secretary A. M. E. Church Sunday School Union.

The statement and report were received and adopted.

Dr. Bentley asked that the Conference would consider a memoral from the Wheeling District, at 11 o'clock to-morrow. The request was granted.

Rev. D. F. Caliman read the report of the committee on the Connectional Preachers' Aid Society. Report adopted.

To the Bishop and Conference: One of the most clearly revealed doctrines of the Bible, is that man should provide against present and future necessities, and
specting his physical and spiritual interests. Mutual organizations in some form or other have been recognized by intelligent persons to be the best means by which their interests and that of those depending upon them may be subserved. With a similar purpose in view the C. P. A. of the A. M. E. Church was organized. The rules and regulations of which are cheerfully submitted for your consideration:

THE CONDITIONS.

The conditions upon which the certificate of membership is issued by the Association and accepted by the members are as follows:

1. That in consideration of the payment of the sum of one ($1.00) dollar by an Itinerant Minister in full membership and in good and regular standing in the A. M. E. Church who applies for membership in accordance with the following conditions and rules, said applicant is constituted a member of the Connectional

Preachers' Aid and Mutual Relief Association, whereupon said Association agrees to pay to the widow, heirs or assigns of said member 30 days after due proof of the death of said member, the amount of the assessment received to date.

2. That the statement made by, and on behalf of, said member, that he is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and of two years in good and regular standing in the Itinerant Ministry in the designated Conference of said Church, when the application for membership is made, is true.

3. That should said applicant by suicide or by any willful, immoral or criminal act, cause his own premature death, this certificate shall be void.

4. That upon any assignment of this certificate to any one subsequent to the party or parties first herein written, without the advice and consent of the Secretary of this Association as to the subsequent parties named, this certificate shall be void.

5. That the death claim under this contract shall be paid within thirty days after satisfactory proof of the death of said member shall have been furnished at the office of the Secretary by the sworn testimony of the attending physician, or in case of sudden death, that of the coroner, and the signature of his Presiding Elder or his Bishop.

6. That a failure to comply with the Rules of this Association as to the prompt payment of all assessments, the falling into confirmed gross immorality, such as leads to the expulsion from the Itinerant Ministry of the African M. E. Church, shall render this contract void.

7. That no agent or sub-agent of this Association, or who may be acting in the interest of this Association, shall have authority to waive, alter, abridge or nullify any of the conditions or stipulations of this contract without specific written authority from the President, countersigned by the Secretary of this Association.

RULES.

The Rules governing this contract, and which form a part of the same, are as follows:

1. There shall be paid by each Applicant for membership of

this association an initiation fee of One Dollar and an annual due of one dollar each year thereafter.

2. Upon the death of the first member, the Secretary shall issue an assessment call of one dollar, equal to two assessments, so as to have one full assessment always on hand, but for all subsequent deaths the assessments shall be fifty cents.

3. Upon the reception of the required evidence of the death of a member at the office of the Association, the Secretary shall send by mail, to the last postoffice address given to the Association by each member, an assessment notice with its proper number and coupon attached. If the assessment is not received within thirty days from date of mailing, it shall be deemed as sufficient evidence that the party to whom mailed has decided to terminate his connection with the Association, which connection shall thereupon terminate, and the party's contract with the association shall lapse and be void. Nevertheless should said party, within fifteen days thereafter, furnish satisfactory evidence that the cause for failure was unavoidable, his connection with the Association may be renewed by his paying all costs and arrearages. These Rules shall apply to annual dues as well as to assessments.

4. Each Applicant for membership must fill out and forward to the Secretary of the Association the facts according to the following form, which will be furnished, viz:

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The Connectional Preachers'.Aid and Mutual Relief Association, of the A. M. E. Church, Gentlemen:

I, the undersignod, hereby make application to be enrolled a member of the C. P. A. and M. R. Association.

My full name is.....

I am an itinerant Preacher of.....years' full and good standing in the .....Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church.

My age, at my nearest birthday, is.....

My Postoffice address is.....City.

.....County .....State.

I wish my Certificate made payable to.....

at my death. Enclosed please find $..... . ..as my membership fee.

Signed,.....

Applicant

All moneys must be sent by Postoffice Order, Registered letter, or draft to Rev. J. T. Jenifer, Secretary, 1327 North Carey Street, Baltimore, Md.

Since the adoption of the Rules and Regulations by the Board of Directors, held in Baltimore, October 27, 1897, the membership of the Association to July, 1898, has increased to 322. Three of this number are members of the Pittsburg Conference: Revs. D. F. Caliman, J. W. Jeffries and T. A. J. West. The Association has lost one member, the Rev. C. H. Pompey, of the N. E. South Carolina Conference, who died July, '98, leaving eight orphan children. Within 30 days, $160.50 was remitted to the guardian. The Association we trust thus far clearly speaks for itself, and that it fully commends itself to the favorable consideration of all the members or the Pittsburg Conference

D. F. CALIMAN,
T. A. GREEN,
Committee.

Rev. D. F. Caliman was elected Local Committeeman of the Connectional Preachers' Aid Society.

At 2:30 o'clock, the Conference withdrew to the front of the church to be photographed. On returning, Conference adjourned, for a session of the Conference branch of the W. M. M. Society.

MINUTES

OF THE CONFERENCE BRANCH OF THE MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PITTSBURG CONFERENCE.

Canonsburg, Pa., Oct. 10, 1898.

The Women's Mite Missionary Society, held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was called to order by the president, Mrs. D. F. Caliman.

Mrs. J. W. Jeffries, first vice-president of the Conference Branch, opened the devotional exercises by reading the hymn which was sung by the Society and Conference. Mrs. G. P. Offer read the Scripture lesson. Mrs. Hattie Solomon led in prayer.

Mrs. D. F. Caliman delivered a very interesting and encouraging annual address. Mrs. Amanda Smith led the hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," all the members heartily joining in the chorus.

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Lyda A. Lowry, was read.

It was received and adopted.

Mrs. Jennie Sluby then entertained us with a solo, which was rendered in a pleasing manner.

Mrs. J. W. Batch, the ex-lecturer, entertained us with some very interesting remarks pertaining to the good of the society and the "Quilt plan."

Mrs. Goode, of East Liverpool, sang a song entitled "The Holy City," which was rendered in an excellent manner and enjoyed by all.

Rev. Dr. Parks, our Missionary Secretary, gave a very interesting address. We felt somewhat encouraged when we were referred to as the "*Banner District.*"

Mrs. Amanda Smith, the great Evangelist, of Chicago, gave an excellent address on her "Missionary work and travels." Rev. Henderson also made some interesting remarks.

The following persons paid 50 cts. each: Mrs. Mary E. Lee, Rev. R. H. Bumry, Mrs. J. W. Jeffries, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, Mrs. Sarah H. West, Rev. G. W. Webster, Rev. D. F. Caliman, Rev. B. Wheeler, Mrs. A. Smothers, Mrs. H. A. Grant, Mrs. S. A. Lewis, Mrs. Allie V. Wallace, Mrs. W. H. Young, Rev H. J. Williams, Mrs. T. A. Green, G. T. Smith, R. M. Henderson, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. S. Christian, Mrs. Mary R. Garner, Mrs. Della Woodson, Mrs. Henrietta Eaton, Mrs. P. A. Scott, Mrs. O. T. Davis, Rev. B. H. Lee, Rev. C. N. Butts, Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Mrs. Annie E. Stephens, Mrs. E. L. Morris, Mrs. A. R. Palmer, Mrs. Amanda Skinner, Mrs. M. A. Morris. Miss Luella Honesty, 25cts.

The total amount of money raised was $20.00. Sent to the Conference, $8.14, making $28.14.

Doxology was sung and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Parks.

Mrs. Viola Caliman, Pres.
Miss Martha Sampson, Secy.

FIFTH DAY, EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order by Rev. D. F. Caliman.

After the "The Conquering Tread," sung by Sister Amanda Smith, Dr. H. B. Parks announced hymn 440, "Behold the Mountain of the Lord," which the Conference sang.

Rev. I. N. Ross, led in prayer.

The choir sang, "Holy is the Lord."

The following reports were read:

Endowment Day, by Richard Brown; Payne Theological Seminary, by J. W. Gazaway; Wilberforce University by D. F. Caliman.

Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee on Payne Theological Seminary make the following report: In the establishment of Payne Theological Seminary, we have commenced the work which if successfully carried forward, will enable us to meet the great demands that the Church, the Race and God has laid upon us. The mechanic to be a success in his operations as such, must be trained for his work. The Gospel minister to be successful in his work must be trained in all that is essential to his success in his labors. Our Seminary is designed to operate along the lines of this preparation; all the faculties are to be trained for fuller operation. The understanding is to be so enlightened and influenced as to bring it into harmony with the Will of God, and the principles of righteousness. The will is to be taught submission to the Holy Spirit's dictation. The conscience must be taught so that its decisions may be correct. The passions that move us so powerfully must be trained into a proper channel. So that only legitimate objects may form its subjects upon which to seize and hold. Payne Seminary undertakes to do this work, and to instruct relative to the being and attributes of the Infinite God.

Is was necessary for Samuel the Prophet of the Lord, to establish two schools for the training of the Sons of the Prophets. A special work was to be done by the Priesthood; none other than the Priest could do it; Divine direction was necessary. Now as then, there is a necessity for ministerial training. The united effort of the ministry and the Church, are necessary to make Payne Theological Seminary what it should be. There is great need of our individual and collective energies in the work of paying for and endowing Payne Theological Seminary. Our beloved Dr. J. G. Mitchell, Dean of Payne, has wisely said that the pulpit must be able to interest and instruct the pew. The call for an educated ministry is loudly made to us as a Church by our young people, and as the years come and go, it will become louder. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we will continue our interest in the proper support of our seminary.

J. W. GAZAWAY,
W. S. LOWRY,
W. H. BROWN,
Committee.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

The relation that this endeared institution, as a life source and inspiration intellectually, morally and spiritually sustained to the A. M. E. Church, to our Race variety, and to the world is transcending. Its situation is picturesque, healthy, and beautiful, the spring of medicinal properties, the waters of which tend to bless the mental and physical life of the student. Her residences, plentiful and spacious, of distinguished occupancy, give tone, permanence, and inspiration to the entire surroundings. The management and work of this University for the last 35 years, and with an increasing tide of interest and proficiency under the present faculty with the energetic and tacit Samuel T. Mitchell as President, have touched the heart and life of the nation respecting a deeper, higher and broader manhood. Some of the most responsible and important positions of life's stations, both in Church and State are being honorably filled to-day by men and women trained at Wilberforce.

This institution as such, stands as the insignia of our highest interest, delight and admiration eliciting our most cordial support and co-operation. While there is about $30,000.00 as an endowment fund which accrues its usual interest annually to the institution, an indebtedness still obtains to the amount of over $13,000.

As the golden rays of the receding century tinsel the past successes and victories with glowing prospects as to the future, is it not within the province of the Church and her friends, at the crossing of the century line, to see our beloved Wilberforce free from every vestige of debt and encumberance? Should there not be one unanimous and concentrated effort respecting this ideal hope and glory of the A. M. E. Church?

We would urge that more of our young men and women avail themselves of the splendid opportunities afforded at this seat of learning. At present there are six studying at Wilberforce from the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference—Monroe Jackson, Ambrose Asbury, Charles H. Brown, Miss Bessie Morris and Miss Lizzie Odey. Also Rev. F. E. Bowser of this Conference.

D. F. CALIMAN,
THOS. A. GREEN,
CYRUS N. WOODSON,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of these reports Rev. W. S. Lowry said, "We are moving on to perfection, and anything short of that will not be satisfactory." He urged generous support of the schools.

The choir sang, "It is His Word that Saves."

Dr. Asbury was introduced, and said in part, "Education in the highest sense of the term, is the product of the religion of the Bible. The Church goes before,—all else, the school, the college, the tutor, follows.

Christianity means a higher state of intellectuality. God is Light, and He sheds light on all His creatures, He puts in our hands the tools, and gives us power to blaze our way through the forest. Education should be broad and many sided.

There are many things never printed in books which go to make up the truest manhood."

"Take Time to be Holy," was sung by the choir.

The Bishop asked the brethren to settle their subscriptions for education, and said, "I dont want to flatter you, but must tell the truth, you do well. You co-operate with me more satisfactorily than any Conference in the District."

Rev. Grant offered the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary are the moral, religious and intellectual fountains and forces of the Afro-American. Be it

Resolved, That as far as we are able, we pay our subscriptions to-night, and if possible increase our obligations for the ensuing year.

H. A. GRANT,
R. H. BUMRY.

Adopted.

While the roll was called the brethren responded to settle the subscriptions.

The cash realized for education was $119.37.

Dr. Parks gave a few parting words thanking the brethren for their co-operation and cordiality.

The reports on education were received and adopted.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Parks.

SIXTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Conference called to order at 9 o'clock.

Hymn No. 109, "Behold the Savior of Mankind Nailed to the Shameful Tree," was announced by Rev. Sandy Christian, and sung.

Rev. C. H. Arnold prayed.

"It is Better Further On," was sung, and the 40th chapter of Isa. was read by Bro. Pickard.

After singing, "O Lord Have Mercy on Me," Revs. Sandy Christian and T. J. Smith prayed.

"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," was sung, and the minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved

Rev. I. B. Till made a report of the church at New Brighton.

Canonsburg reported by Rev. Wright, the pastor.

The Conference began the reviewing of the Statistical Tables.

While this was being done, Dr. Gazaway reported that the "Twin City Union" Pittsburg, had raised for missionary purposes, $51.65. The hour for adjournment having arrived, the Bishop announced that Rev. Charles Garner would preach at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. P. Wallace.

SIXTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Charles Garner announced hymn 123, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," and the Conference sang it.

Rev. Garner read Matt. 5th.

Rev. N. L. Young, pastor of the Baptist Church of Monongahela City, led in prayer.

Rev. Garner Selected for his text, Matt. 5:16, "Let your light so shine that men may see your good works and be constrained to glorify your father which is in Heaven," and preached a very earnest and soul-stirring sermon, at the close of which Rev. Richard Brown prayed.

After another song, the Statistical Secretary, Rev. T. J. Askew concluded the reading, and verification of the Conference statistics.

The Conference Treasurer, Rev. W. S. Lowry, read his annual report, as follows:

Contingent money received	$ 184 61
Dollar Money	584 15
Parent Home and Foreign Missions	280 22

Women's Mite Societies	66 67
Church Extension	2 37
Payne Seminary	145 85
Bible Cause	26 34
Total Received	$1,290 21
Paid to H. B. Parks, for Missions	$ 112 00
" " Bishop B. F. Lee, for Education	145 85
" " Dr. Shaffer, for Church Extension	2 37
" " Ministers, widows and orphans	1,029 99
Total Disbursement	$1,290 21

Respectfully submitted
WALTER S. LOWRY, Treas.

The report was received and referred to an auditing committee, and Revs. C. Asbury and I. B. Till were appointed as said committee.

The following report of the committee on General Conference was read by Rev. J. W. Jeffries:

Bishop and Conference: Your Committee on General Conference submit the following as their report: According to the action of the General Conference Commission appointed at Wilmington, N. C., May, 1896, the General Conference of 1900 is to hold its session in Columbus, Ohio, within the Third Episcopal District. Therefore it is necessary for immediate action to be taken in the direction of securing of means for the support of the said General Conference. We suggest that each church within bounds of this annual Conference, be asked to contribute to the support of the said General Conference. It is the opinion of your committee that by judicious management a sufficient amount of money can be raised to meet the expenses of the General Conference, and not burden them to a very great extent. If the General Conference Committee will control the collections during the General Conference sessions at Columbus, Ohio, and if a thorough canvas of the City of Columbus, Ohio, is made, we believe that the means secured in this way will be suf-

ficient with the contributions of the various churches in this Third Episcopal District, to handsomely meet the expenses of the support of the General Conference of 1900. We further suggest that an assessment be made as follows, upon each church in this Conference, in order to defray the expenses of our delegates and General Conference:

Bethel, Wylie Ave., $50; Euclid Ave., $30; Altoona, $10; Williamsport, $25; Scranton, $12; Wilkesbarre, $12; New Haven, $8; Bellefonte, $8; Braddock, $8; Lewiston, $3; Philipsburg, $5; Bedford, $5; Montrose, $5; Bloomsburg. $5; Homestead, $8; Tyrone, $8; Milton, $5; Lock Haven, 5; Greensburg, $8; Brown Chapel, $30; Chartiers, $15; South Side, Pittsburg, $5; Monongahela, $10; Brownsville, $12; Uniontown, $12; New Brighton, $7; Meadville, $6; Erie, $6; Franklin, $7; Oil City, $7; Titusville, $7; Elizabeth, $8; Bridgewater, $7; Bradford, $6; West Newton, $6; Charleroi, $6; Sewickly, $6; McKeesport, $7; Belle Vernon, $6; Olean, $6; Findleyville, $3; Wheeling, $15; Washington, $20; Canonsburg, $20; Waynesburg, $5; Clarkesburg, 5; Morganstown, $5; Boone, $4; West Middletown, $5; Beverly, $5; Weston, $4; Sistersville, $4; Mannington, $4; McGovern, $4; Charleston, $5; Ceredo, $4; Total, $419.00.

We further recommend the appointment of a Treasurer for this fund, that the monies collected by the different pastors may be forwarded as soon as collected and his receipt be given.

JOHN W. GAZAWAY,
J. W. JEFFRIES,
D. F. CALIMAN,
W. H. BROWN,
THOS. A. GREEN.

Motion to amend, by Rev. Riley, that $30.00 be allowed each of the delegates to the General Conference. Motion lost.

The committee on re-arrangement of the work, reported by Rev. T. A. Green, as follows:

To the Bishop and Conference: We, your committee appointed to re-arrange the work of the districts of this Conference, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that at the request of Oil City and Titusville of the Allegheny District, that this Circuit be divided and each point herein-named be made a station; we further recommend that Bell Vernon and Pleasant Green be made a mission. We recommend that Milton be detached from Bloomsburg Circuit and attached to Lock Haven Mission, and that Bloomsburg and Danville be known as the Bloomsburg Mission. We also recommend that the following changes be made in the Wheeling District: that Buchannon and Weston be made a mission; that Sutton and Stout's Mills be made a mission; that McGovern be attached to Canonsburg, and be known as the Canonsburg Mission; that Beverly and Cassity Fork be made a mission; that Coketon and Elkins be made a mission; that Burgettstown and McDonnell be taken up and attached to Wellsburg, and be known as the Wellsburg Mission; Ravenswood and Spencer be taken up and made a mission; that Bridgeport be taken up by Clarksburg; that Grafton and Fairmount be taken up and made a mission; that Mason City and Point Pleasant be taken up and made a mission. All of which we respectfully submit for your consideration.

W. H. Brown, P. E.
D. F. Caliman, P. E.
Thos. A. Green, P. E.
Cornelius Asbury.

Report received and adopted.

The following report of the Judges on Essays was read by Rev. S. P. West:

To the Bishop and Members of the Conference: We, the judges appointed to examine the papers read, and pass upon the respective merits of the several productions, respectively submit the following report: We commend the efforts of all the writers.

They all show that pains and study have been abundantly bestowed to the end that the Society might have the richest and best offering of their intellectuality. We wish to especially mention the penmanship of Rev. T. J. Askew, which is above the average; the logical style of H. A. Grant, and the classical style of Eli McKnight; in these respectively the writers excel. We have examined with some care all of the papers and have taken into account the penmanship, spelling, arrangement of matter, neatness of manuscript and the thought as well as the delivery. And from the investigation along these lines we make the following averages:

	Grant.	Askew.	McKnight.
Penmanship,	70	100	60
Spelling,	85	98	70
Arrangement of Matter	90	98	75
Neatness of Manuscript,	80	98	70
Thought,	83	97	84
Delivery,	90	95	90
Total per cent.,	87	96	84
We therefore award prizes as follows:	Second.	First	Third

S. P. West,
I. N. Ross,
P. A. Scott,
Committee.

Owing to the inclement weather, the Conference refrained from going to visit the Old Log College, as per invitation.

The following Dollar Money report was read by Rev. C. A. McGee, and was adopted.

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Conference: We your committee appointed to review the dollar money reports, beg leave to report as follows: We have carefully examined all of the rolls and figures, and audited the same. We have observed that some of the rolls are poorly written and badly spelled. We hope that the brethren will try to be more careful. The following is the amount reported to Conference:

Received by cash, $1,589.14; received by receipts, $219.90;

total, $1,809.04. Per cent. Church Extension $180.91; per cent. Conference, $651.25; per cent. General Measures, $976.88.

The amount of dollar money raised this year exceeds last year by $202.91. We just lack $190.96 of having $2,000. With a little more push and systematic labor we can easily report that amount next year. We recommend that the brethren begin, the first of the year and try to collect twenty-cents per quarter.

All of which we respectfully submit.

C. A. McGee,
G. G. Skinner,
B. H. Lee,
Committee.

The committee on Presiding Elder's Allowance reported by Rev. H. A. Grant.

Motion by Rev. J. W. Riley, that the report be referred back to the committee for amendment, by fixing an assessment to each church. Motion prevailed.

Rev. G. C. Sampson offered a resolution of respect to Mrs. J. W. Batch for her earnest missionary endeavors.

Resolution received and adopted.

A memorial from the Wheeling District was read by the Conference Secretary, Rev. P. A. Scott:

We, your committee appointed to memorialize the Pittsburg Conference, submit the following: Every phase of our church work in this district indicates progress; property is being purchased, churches are being built, and souls are being saved through the untiring efforts of pastors, and the undaunted courage and indomitable will power of the Presiding Elder, Rev. T. A. Green. In the midst of this stirring activity productive of such grand results, is a much regretted condition of financial embarrassment to pastors, and especially to the Presiding Elder whose office is almost indispensable to the success of the A. M. E. Church in this section. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Wheeling District Conference assembled, prayerfully and earnestly petition the Pittsburg Annual Conference, to be held in Canonsburg, Pa., October, 1898, in addition to the appropriations to preachers on

mission work, set apart $200 for the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, to be paid in quarterly installments, out of whatever funds it may have at its command, that his family may be properly cared for, and the interests of his office be enhanced.

Signed:

D. S. Bentley, S. A. Lewis, R. H. Bumry, Carter Wright, R. Brown, L. A. Barber, Sandy Christian, E. R. Bazier, John A. Latterbery, J. E. Morris, R. D. Green, C. H. Arnold, Pierce Moore, Frank Twilla, Jackson Lacy, R. L. Pickard, S. L. Stewart, Joshua Green.

Motion by Dr. Asbury, that the petition be received and referred to a committee of three.

Motion to amend, that in lieu of a failure on part of the committee to grant the petition, that it be considered and granted by open Conference.

Pending this motion, the Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. N. L. Young.

SIXTH DAY, EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order by Rev. W. H. Brown. Hymn 226, "Oh for a Heart to Praise My God," was sung, and Rev. J. J. Norris led in prayer.

By order of the chairman, the Conference adjourned, and the Conference Missionary Society went in session.

The Conference Missionary Society was called to order at 8 p. m., Rev. W. H. Brown in the chair.

The roll called and the Secretary reported that the members with only a few exceptions had paid their dues.

A motion was made by Rev. P. A. Scott that the officers be continued for another year in office.

Owing to the failure last year to elect a treasurer, the motion was amended so as to include Rev. W. S. Lowry as Treasurer. Motion as amended carried.

Rev. Mr. Brown, of Jefferson Academy, was introduced, and spoke some kind words, saying in part: "I am glad to be with you for I sympathize with you in your work, which is as im-

portant as ours. We must all work in harmony with God or we will fail."

After singing by the choir Rev. D. F. Caliman read a very interesting and helpful paper upon "Missionary Work."

After another beautiful selection by the choir Rev. G. G. Skinner delivered a stirring address in the course of which he said "The cause of missions is as old as the church of Jesus Christ. It took the first 100 years after Christ to make 500 converts." He then proceeded to give some valuable statistics as to the present rapid growth in the results of missionary effort, closing with an eloquent appeal to ministers and laity to stand by the cause of both home and foreign missions. The choir sang "I Shall be Satisfied," while the secretaries took a public offering for the cause of missions amounting to $4.70.

Society adjourned with benediction by Rev. G. G. Skinner.

W. H. BROWN, Chairman.
S. P. WEST, Secretary.

ADDRESS ON MISSIONS BY REV. D. F. CALIMAN.

The mission of Christianity is the living, active, genial mission of the redeemed soul. The gift of Christ to, and His redemption for man, opened the gate leading into the highway of real life—the mission of the soul. "Ye shall know if you follow on to know," is the Divine formula for spiritual development. The soul waiting upon God is renewed in strength, it mounts up with wings as an eagle, it meets the revealing God, and co-operates in the Divine plan. It runs apace, as to the natural and former life into Christian activities, lofty enterprises for God and humanity, and does not weary. It walks into the realm of heaven-revealed duty with a firm and conquering tread, and does not faint. This is the door that stands wide open, both night and day, leading into the secret place of the Most High, where the soul and the Church can and does actually co-operate with God in its laudable and glorious mission. It is the fulfillment of the heaven-crowned and glory-tinseled words of our blessed Savior: "By Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture." Here we find the true secret and

key—the realty and heart of aggressive missionary life and practice. Above the domain of the sensual, the secular and the natural is the Spirit realm, the field for Divine inspiration, instruction and action. From this lofty eminence, though natural in its order, the Church receives its life power, its orders for marching and conquest. Therefore, the Church of God is moving. It is inevitable, it must move. It is moving with God and for God.

The sun of righteousness has risen, and His glowing rays are illuminating the desert and solitary places of the earth. The A. M. E. Church division, has caught the spirit and is moving with the vanguard. The various fields in foreign countries have received the attention of the Episcopacy. This has given new life to the mission work in the A. M. E. Church practically and experimentally. Bishop Turner's visits to Africa, especially his recent one to South Africa seems to have awakened an increasing missionary enthusiasm and zeal which is rapidly spreading. The far away, as well as the intermediate mission points have been touched with the virtue and fire of the home field, the center and power of earnest operation. The entire mission scheme, so to speak, of the A. M. E. Church, as never before, seems to be linked with ties of gold, uniting the same into one interesting and comprehensive whole. In 1816, the year in which the A. M. E. Church was organized, under the labors of John Stewart, a colored man, who was converted under the labors of Rev. Marcus Lindsay, at Marietta, O , a mission to the Wyandotte Indians was opened at Upper Sandusky, O. This successful work attracted wide attention. For its support collections were taken, and the first church edifice erected by the Methodist Episcopal denomination for the heathen was for the use of these Indians. Time will not permit a recounting of the details of mission endeavor of this vast country of ours, and how the spirit has moved out and over the deep into all lands and countries. The living, glowing picture is hanging on the walls of history and times of recent ages, for all to behold and admire. God is moving upon the Church or rather the Church is moving towards and with God in the evangelization of the world. The various industries, enterprises and activities of the world—the

atmosphere above and around us—seem to blend in one unanimous and harmonious symphony respecting Christian intensity and extension. Giving the gospel to others who are destitute of it is the watch word and high commission of the Church. Its spiritual life and financial resources are being thus directed. The Church is clothed with special and Divine directions respecting the real and successful methods to be employed in the execution of its mission at home and abroad. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth," etc.

The home, the community, the state and the world are the recognized fields of religious operation by the spirit-filled man of God. All barriers and lines of distinction with reference to home and foreign mission and Christian enterprise are laid aside and the watch-word of the Christian heart—the world for Christ and Christ for the world—is resounding through the valleys, over the mountains and across the seas. Thus is marked the onward flow of salvation's tide throughout the world.

At the adjournment of the Missionary Society, the Conference reconvened, and the report of the committee on appropriations was read as follows, by Rev. R. H. Bumry:

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference. Greeting:

We, the Committee on Appropriations, beg leave to submit the following report:

Received Conference percentage on dollar money	$651 25
" " contingent money	128 44
" " missionary "	151 15
Total	$931 84.

TO CONFERENCE WIDOWS.

Mary Watt, widow of Samuel Watt	$ 25 00
Grace Offer, " " Wm. H. Offer	25 00
Annie E. Jackson, widow of R. E. Jackson	25 00

Mary E. Russell, widow of John E. Russell		$	25 00
Margaret Evans,	" " Nathaniel Evans		25 00
Fannie Cyrus,	" " Thomas Cyrus		25 00
Jennetta Johnson,	" " David Johnson		25 00
Margaret A. Jones,	" " S. T. Jones		25 00
Emma Ralph,	" " Wm. G. Ralph		25 00
Rebecca Morris,	" " Jeremiah M. Morris		25 00
Nancy E. Tanner,	" " Richard Tanner		25 00

TO ORPHANS.

Two children of Samuel Lacy		10 00
One child of David Lewis		5 00
" " " Joseph B. Jackson		5 00
" " " David Johnson		5 00
" " " John E. Russell		5 00

CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS.

Episcopal residence	$	75 00
Bishop's traveling expenses		20 00
Paid to the Bishop on rent of Parkersburg Church		45 00
Recording Secretary		9 00
Statistical "		5 00
For stationery		5 68
Engrossing		5 00
For credentials		4 00
To W. H. Brown for incidentals		8 00
To D. F. Caliman		15 00
To T. A. Green		20 00

FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AT WILBERFORCE.

Bessie Morris	$	25 00
Bessie Grant		20 00
F. E. Bowser		35 00
To Amanda Smith for Orphanage		20 00
To the Liberian School of Rev. Dr. Heard		8 00
Expenses of the Pastor during Conference		43 90

APPROPRIATION TO PASTORS.

Superanuated preachers.

Rev. W. H. Pride	$ 80 00

FOR PREACHERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED SMALL SALARIES.

Rev. J. P. Stephens	$ 9 00
" J. J. Norris	8 00
" H. J. Williams	3 00
" G. W. Webster	5 00
" T. A. J.West	8 00
" B. Wheeler	5 00
" J. E. Morris	14 00
" L. A. Barber	8 00
" S. B. Morris	8 00
" B. A. L. Powell	9 00
" E. E. Obrient	5 00
" Pierce Moore	5 00
" John Latterbery	3 00
" R. Brown	5 00
" S. Christian	5 00
" L. A. Lewis	15 00
" O. T. Davis	9 00
" J. W. Brown	9 00
" R. M. Henderson	9 00
" Chas. Garner	10 00
" C. M. Butts	5 00
" A. Smothers	8 00
" M. S. Jones	5 00
" S. C. Honesty	5 00
" W. N. Young	9 00
" Eli McKnight	2 00
" J. S. Eaton	2 00
Whole amount received	$ 931 84

RECAPITULATION.

Total paid to widows	$ 275 00
" " " orphans	35 00
Contingencies	240 58
For scholarships	80 00
To ministers	290 00
Total appropriations	$ 930 58
Amount received by Committee	931 84
Balance in Treasury	$ 1 26

J. W. GAZAWAY,
R. H. BUMRY,
ELI MCKNIGHT,
Committee.

Motion by Rev. Riley, that the report lay on the table until after the report from the committee on the Memorial from West Va.

Revs. Lowry, Bumry and Christian spoke very earnestly in favor of the West Va. work, and the motion to lay on the table prevailed.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. G. G. Skinner.

SEVENTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. P. A. Scott.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. Eli McKnight and J. W. Brown.

The Preachers' Aid Society held an adjourned session, at the close of which Bishop Lee took the chair and Conference resumed business.

The Roll was read and corrected, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Motion to take from the table the report of the committee on appropriations. Carried.

After a re-reading of the report, it was discussed by Revs. Sampson, West, Asbury and Bentley.

Rev. Sampson asked for a special ruling of the Bishop as to the claims of widows of superannuated preachers to Conference pensions, whereupon the Bishop gave the following ruling:

Bishop Lee's Special Ruling. "The spirit of the itineracy contemplates the continuance of the responsibility of the Conference to the widows of our ministers who marry in the relation of superanuates."

Signed,
B. F. Lee, Bishop.

A motion prevailed, authorizing the secretary to purchase a Conference trunk, and present his bill at the next Conference.

The report on appropriations was adopted.

The committee appointed to audit the Conference Treasurer's accounts reported as follows:

We have examined the books of Rev. W. S. Lowry, Conference Treasurer, and find them correct as reported.

C. Asbury,
I. B. Till,
Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

The committee on the memorial from the West Va. District reported by Rev. Bumry, as follows:

We your committee appointed to consider the petition of the Wheeling District Conference, asking that an appropriation of $200 be made for the support of the Presiding Elder of said District. After duly considering said petition we find that there are no funds under the direct supervision of the Conference that could be applied for such a purpose.

We therefore recommend that the Conference ask Rev. H.

B. Parks, Missionary Secretary, to contribute $200 for the mission work in the Pittsburg Conference.

W. S. Lowry,
B. Wheeler,
R. H. Bumry,
Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

Motion by Rev. J. W. Gazaway that the Electoral College meet in Brown Chapel, Allegheny, the Fourth Thursday in June, 1899, at 9 o'clock. Carried.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries was elected Treasurer of the General Conference funds.

Conference adjourned with benediction by J. S. Eaton.

SEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Eli McKnight announced hymn 223, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," which the Conference sang. Rev. Charles H. Arnold led in prayer. Rev. J. S. Eaton selected as a text, Phil. 11:9, "Wherefore God has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name," and preached a very earnest sermon. Motion by Rev. W. H. Brown for the election of Rev. W. S. Lowry as Conference Treasurer. Motion prevailed.

The summary of the Conference statistics was reviewed, and the disciplinary questions answered as follows:

SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

1. Numerical.

Persons converted	800
Accessions	586
Full members	2,558
Probationers	291
Exhorters	18
Local Preachers	51
Missionary Societies	78

Auxiliary Societies	98
Churches	57
Parsonages	16

2.—Financial—b. Connectional Funds.

Dollar money	$1,809	04
Missions—Easter	329	01
Women's Mite Missionary	667	77
College Fund	410	97
Payne Seminary	340	50
Sunday School Union	340	50
Church Extension	340	50
Contingent	125	63
Bible Cause	12	75
Total	$4,376	67

b.—For Local Purposes.

Pastors' Support	$18,168	93
Presiding Elders' Support	2,132	88
Building, Purchasing and Repairing	11,720	66
Charitable Purposes	710	25
From Church Extension Society	300	00
Total	$33,032	72
Grand total for all purposes	$37,419	39

e.—Miscellaneous.

Value of Church Property	$234,227	00
Indebtedness	40,723	58
Balance in Steward's Treasury	17	00
Balance in Trustees's Treasury	690	37

Sunday School Statistics.—a. Numerical.

Sunday Schools	72
Officers	369
Teachers	362
Pupils	3,289

Conversions	603
Books in Library	2,226
Bibles	350
Hymn Books	400
Lesson Helps used	3,226
Missionary Societies	59
Temperance Societies	20

b.—Financial.

Missions	$184 35
Education	
Sunday School Union	
Church Extension	
Total collected in Sunday School	

STATUS OF THE MINISTRY.

The following preachers are admitted on trial: George T. Smith and Charles J. Powell.

The following preacher remains on trial: Harry J. Williams.

The following preachers are admitted to full connection: S. A. Lewis, Charles N. Butts, J. S. Eaton, F. E. Bowser.

The following are the deacons: Elijah Bazier, Eli McKnight, Milo S. Jones, J. E. Morris, T. J. Askew, J. W. Brown, C. N. Butts, J. S. Eaton, Chas. J. Powell.

The following persons have been elected and ordained Deacons this year: Chas. N. Butts, J. Spencer Eaton, F. E. Bowser; also Charles J. Powell for special missionary work.

The following persons have been elected by the General Conference, to exercise the Episcopal office in, and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church: Henry McNeal Turner, Wesley J. Gaines, Benj. W. Arnette, Benj. T. Tanner, Abram Grant, Benj. F. Lee, Moses B. Salter, James A. Handy, William B. Derrick, *James C. Embry, and *Josiah H. Armstrong.

*Deceased.

The following preacher is superannuated : William H. Pride

The characters of the preachers have been examined, and found blameless in life and conversation.

The following preacher died this year; Rev. Richard Tanner.

Our next annual Conference will meet at Brownsville, Pa., the first Wednesday in October, 1899.

The preachers are stationed this year according to the following:

APPOINTMENTS.

Pittsburg District, Presiding Elder W. H. Brown.— Wylie Ave., Pittsburg, John W. Gazaway, D. D.; Euclid Avenue, Pittsburg, J. W. Jeffries; Williamsport, Cornelius Asbury, D. D.; Altoona, B.A.L. Powell; Scranton, H.A. Grant; Wilkesbarre, J. P. Q. Wallace, B. D.; New Haven, Benj. Wheeler; Bellefonte, Cyrus N. Woodson, Braddock, W. N. Young; Greensburg, M. S. Jones; Homestead, H. G. Thomas; Tyrone, Alexander Smothers; Phillipsburg, J. M. Wilkes; Montrose, Charles Garner; Bedford J. W. Riley; Bloomsburg, Charles N. Butts; Lock Haven, O. T. Davis; Huntingdon Mission, T. J. Smith; Ford City Mission, H. J. Williams.

Allegheny District, Presiding Elder, D. F. Caliman.— Brown Chapel, Allegheny City, R. H. Morris; Chartiers Street,B.H. Lee; S.S.Pittsburg,T.J.Askew; Monongahela, S. P. West; Brownsville. C. A. McGee; Uniontown, G. C. Sampson; New Brighton, W. S. Lowry; Oil City, P. A. Scott; Meadville, J. P. Stephens; Franklin, J. W. Brown; Titusville. I. B. Till; Elizabeth, G. G. Skinner; West Bridgewater, R. M. Henderson; Bradford, S. C. Honesty; West Newton, J. J. Norris; Charleroi, T. A. J. West,McKeesport, D. Newsome; BellVernon, G.T.Smith; Erie, M. L. Nettles; Olean, Eli McKnight; Bellevue, Charles Adison ;W.H.Pride, Superannuate,Quar. Conf'nce, McKeesport; Monongahela,W. H. Palmer, M.D., Evangelist, Quarterly Conference; Monongahela, Peter Bowman, B. D., Quarterly Conference.

Wheeling District, Presiding Elder, T. A. Green.— Wheeling, W. Va., R. H. Bumry; Washington. Pa., D. S. Bentley, D. D.; Canonsburg, Pa., Carter Wright;

Waynesburg, Pa., S. A. Lewis; West Middletown, Pa., J. S. Eaton; Blacksville, W. T. Baker, Supply; Clarksburg, W. Va., Richard Brown; Morgantown, W. Va., Sandy Christian; Parkersburg, W. Va., J. E. Morris; Charleston, W. Va., G. W. Webster; Wellsburg Mission, W. Va., C. J. Powell; Weston Circuit, W. Va., S. B. Morris; Beverly Mission, W. Va., E. R. Bazier; Ceredo Mission, W. Va., L. A. Barber; Stout's Mills Mission, W. Va., M. P. Cole; Coketon Mission, W. Va., John W. Amiss, Supply; Indian Camp Mission, Pierce Moore, Supply; Mason City Mission, W. Va., J. A. Latterbery, Supply; Ravenswood Mission, W. Va., C. H. Arnold, Supply; Montgomery Mission, W. Va., R. C. Pickard, Supply; E. E. Obrient, Supply, Appointed Evangelist; F. E. Bowser, Payne Theological Seminary, Pastorate West Jefferson, N. Ohio Conference; A. R. Palmer, transferred to the North Ohio Conference.

Brownsville was unanimously chosen as the seat of the next Annual Conference.

The Bible Cause Committee reported by Rev. J. E. Morris, as follows:

We, your committee on Bible Cause, beg to submit the following: There has been no time in the history of the human family when there was greater need for the Bible as the embodiment of God's will concerning man than now, and we are glad to note that individuals as well as organized bodies are contributing more to promote a universal distribution of Bibles than ever before.

The following amount has been contributed for this cause by the Pittsburg Conference during the year. From the Pittsburg district, $7.62; from the Allegheny District, $11.46; from the Wheeling District, $4.50; total, $23.58.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. P. Cole,

J. E. Morris,

Committee.

The Conference ordered the $21.69 in hands of the Conference sent to the American Bible Society in New York.

The following report on Sunday School Missions was read by Rev. A. E. Waldon, as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report, Missionary Spirit: Our great Church is engaged in the Christian Missionary work. The Sunday School is a part of the great church. The Sunday School department is the single exception which proves the rule true, the church could not be complete without the Sunday School and its work. The great A. M. E. Church consists of the unity of all of the distinct parts that are essential to its organic being and that pertain to its organic existence. The result of the missionary spirit that possessed Richard Allen, the founder of the Church, has been the cause of the extension of our church work, north, south, east and west; has all been due to the active missionary spirit. Every true African Methodist, minister is a missionary of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Chief Shepherd and Bishop of Souls, hath said, "Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not." The Sunday School is the door through which the children enter into the Church of God, and placed under the care of proper teachers, they are taught the grand principles of religion, which enables them to carry out the command of the wise man, Solomon, who said "they should remember their Creator in the days of their youth." The church and Sunday School are one, therefore we should all be deeply interested in the work of the Sunday School.

The wisest man said, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it gets old, it will not depart from it." Truly the Sunday School is the place for the young to learn the first principles of religion. Early training in the knowledge of the Scriptures is one of the chief objects of the Sunday School, and it is early piety which produces early happiness, and an early missionary spirit in the children of the Sunday School.

Amount collected in the Pittsburg District, $55.20; in the Allegheny District, $78.25; in the Wheeling District, $50.90; total, $184.35.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. WALDON,
T. J. ASKEW,
O. T. DAVIS,

Committee.

The Report of the Church Extension Board was read as follows by Rev. D. F. Caliman:

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Lee.

T. A. Green led in prayer.

D. F. Caliman was elected secretary. The following were present: Bishop B. F. Lee, W. H. Brown, P. E., T. A. Green, P. E., D. F. Caliman, P. E.

The following statistics were submitted:

Value of all church property: First District, $95,536; Second District, $93 536; Third District, $45.155; total $234,227.

Raised for building and repairs: First District, $5,897.73; Second District, $3,574.55; Third District, $2,148.36; total, $11,620.64.

Indebtedness of church property: First District, $20,588.49; Second District, $12,301.39; Third District, $7,835.70; total, $40,725 58.

Churches that have received benefits: Euclid Ave., Pittsburg, $100, Chartiers, Allegheny, $50. Uniontown, Pa., $200, Monongahela, Pa., $100, Homestead, $50, Parkersburg, W. Va., $300, Charleston, W. Va., $100, Buckhannon, W. Va., $50, total, $950.

The following applications for loans were endorsed:—Altoona and Bedford churches, fifty dollars each.

On motion, it was voted that Euclid Ave. Church, E. E. Pittsburg, and Homestead be urged to pay up all interest due the department.

By motion, the application for a donation of $30 for the Wellsburg Mission, W. Va., was recommended. No. of members, 15, adherents, 30.

The church at Huntingdon, Pa., being under consideration, was estimated to be worth about $1,000, the lot, $350.

By motion, it was ordered the application for the Church Extention Society to take up that mortgage of $600, on said church, be endorsed.

The meeting adjourned with benediction by Bishop Lee.

B. F. Lee, Chairman.
D. F. Caliman, Secretary.

The Conference Book Steward read his report as follows:

Distribution of Minutes of the Annual Conference of '97.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Bishops and General Officers, 10.
Pastors and Presiding Elders, 59.
Bishop B. F. Lee, 10.

	No.	Value.	Exp.	Amt.
Wylie Avenue,	50	$7 50		$7 50
Euclid Avenue,	35	5 25		5 25
Braddock,	12	1 80	25	1 55
Homestead,	12	1 80	25	1 55
Greensburg,	17	2 55	30	2 25
New Haven,	15	2 25		1 80
Scottsdale,	10	1 50		
Altoona,	14	2 10	30	1 80
Tyrone,	10	1 50	35	1 15
Lewistown,	14	2 10		
Lock Haven,	11	1 65	30	1 35
Bellefonte,	14	2 10	25	1 85
Williamsport,	50	7 50		5 00
Phillipsburg,	13	1 95	40	1 55
Bedford,	10	1 50	25	1 25
Milton,	9	1 35		
Wilkesbarre,	24	3 60	60	3 00
Scranton,	24	3 60	40	3 20
Montrose,	12	1 80	15	1 65
				$41.70

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	45	6 75		$6 75
Chartiers Street,	30	4 50		4 50
South Side,	15	2 25	25	2 00
Monongahela,	14	2 10	30	1 80
Brownsville,	17	2 55	30	2 25
Uniontown,	25	3 75	35	3 40
New Brighton,	14	2 10		2 10
Meadville,	16	2 40		
Franklin,	14	2 10	35	1 75
Oil City,	20	3 00	70	2 30
Elizabeth,	17	2 55	40	2 15
West Bridgewater,	8	1 20	35	85
Bradford,	15	2 25	40	1 85
West Newton,	11	1 65	25	1 40

	No.	Value.	Exp.	Amt.
Charleroi,	13	1 95	25	1 70
Sewickley,	10	1 50	25	1 25
McKeesport,	12	1 80	25	1 55
Bell Vernon,	9	1 35	25	1 10
Erie,	16	2 40	35	2 05
Olean,	10	1 50	64	86
Bellevue,	7	1 05		1 05
				$42 66

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Washington, Pa.,	25	3 75		3 75
Canonsburg, Pa.,	30	4 50	35	4 15
Wheeling, W. Va.,	30	4 50	25	4 25
Waynesburg, Pa.,	15	2 25		
Clarksburg, W. Va.,	15	2 25	40	1 85
Morgantown, W. Va.,	9	1 35	35	1 00
West Middletown, Pa.,	14	2 10	50	1 60
Weston, W. Va.,	9	1 35	50	85
Charleston, W. Va.,	12	1 80		
McGovern, Pa.,	6	90		90
Ceredo, W. Va.,	9	1 35		
Stumptown, W. Va.,	6	90		
Blacksville, W. Va.,	6	90		90
Madison, W. Va.,	6	90		90
Beverly, W. Va., (9 in '96)	9 (1897)	2 70	35	2 35
Parkersburg, W. Va.,	6	90		90
				$23 40

RECAPITULATION.

In hand at close of last Conference		$119 15
Paid to W. H. Slep for printing Minutes	$114 30	
Freight, expressage, mailing, etc	7 00	
Total paid out		$121 30
Received from sale of Minutes last year	$107 76	
Deficit from last year	2 15	
Total in hand		$105 61

D. S. Bentley.

The Bishop ordered the allowances of the following widows and orphans sent by the following preachers: Mrs. Grace P. Offer's, by Dr. Gazaway; Mrs. Russell's by Dr.

Asbury; Mrs. Evans', by H. A. Grant; Mrs. Cyrus' by A. E. Waldon; Mrs. David Johnson's by Dr. Asbury; Mrs. Ralph's by H. G. Thomas; Mrs. Morris' by O. T. Davis; Mrs. Tanner's by H. J. Askew; Mrs. Jones' by Dr. Bentley.

CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES.

Children of Rev. Lacy by Rev. S. A. Lewis; children of David Lewis by B. Wheeler; children of Joseph B. Jackson by J. W. Jeffries; children of David Johnson by Dr. Asbury; children of Rev. Russell by Dr. Asbury.

The Cash Committee reported by Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace.

Rev. Eli McKnight offered resolutions opposing camp meetings. Not adopted.

Rev. J. P. Stephens read a set of resolutions, which were adopted:

In view of an obligated sense of gratitude due, for this commendable Christian demonstration, and this united manifestation on the part of the churches and citizens of Canonsburg, who have welcomed and entertained so agreeably, this African Methodist Episcopal Annual Conference, we embrace this opportunity to acknowledge and express our thanks.

That we have realized materially as an evidence, the utterances of the Psalmist David, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Our sense of gratitude has been made very acceptible.

That unrestrainedly and absolutely for the use of this, our Annual Conference Session, the members of this M. E. Church Society of Canonsburg have surrendered their place of worship, is clearly perceptible.

That this token of immeasurable hospitality, not only commends itself the affections of the members of this African Methodist Episcopal Conference, but will always claim no meager place in our memory.

That because we are unable to appreciate any other thought than our hampered condition and circumstances, to be the impeding barrier in our path of struggle for the accomplishment of that portion assigned us in the advancing of this great Christian

Civilization, and that these conditions have appealed, and as a result, have elicited for us this large measure of sympathy.

And that the helping hand so graciously given us, may prove to be the bread cast upon the waters that may be seen and gathered after many days, and that were we to attempt to pronounce from now until the morrow's dawn, thanks, thanks, thanks, our desire to express how grateful we feel for this kindness, our efforts would be exhausted, and our desire unfilled. But because we believe that the abundance of gratitude can be summed in the one simple word thanks, we therefore have

RESOLVED to tender to the members of this M. E. Church Society of Canonsburg, to their pastor, the Rev. S. W. McCurdy and the trustees of such church, our most sincere thanks and gratitude for their kindness. And further offer to them the sure reward found in sayings of the Apostle, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

RESOLVED. That we offer to our members and friends of our A. M. E. Church, sincere thanks, and appreciation for the hospitalities and comforts enjoyed during our stay among them.

To the choir for faithful services, and the discoursing of fine music.

To the reporters of the papers for fair and impartial mention in their columns.

To the janitor for patient and faithful services.

And the citizens and friends that have contributed their presence and means to render our stay profitable and pleasant. All of which we proffer to you, in the name of the members of this A. M. E. Church of Canonsburg and the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the 3d Episcopal District, of this A. M. E. Church connection.

P. A. SCOTT,
JOHN W. GAZAWAY,
S. C. HONESTY,
J. P. STEPHENS.

Motion of W. H. Brown that Huntingdon and Lewiston be detached from Tyrone. Carried.

Motion by Rev. T. A. Green that McGovern remain apart from Canonsburg. Carried.

Motion by C. A. McGee that Pike Run be placed under the care of the Brownsville Church. Carried.

H. A. Grant offered a resolution of respect to Bishop Lee. Adopted.

Whereas, Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., having presided over the deliberations of this Conference with that degree of dignity and impartiality so characteristic of the man himself, be it

RESOLVED, That we esteem him more highly than ever for his scholarly attainments, brotherly love and increased interest he takes in the work, especially that of the salvation of precious souls.

H. A. GRANT,
GEO. C. SAMPSON,
R. H. MORRIS,
C. A. MCGEE.

Rev. W. H. Brown thanked the brethren for their sympathy and assistance in the sore bereavement occasioned by the death of his daughter Jennie.

In consideration of the affliction of Dr. Asbury, a motion prevailed, that, in case an operation should be necessary the brethren of the Conference pledge themselves to assist in bearing any expenses that may occur.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was sung by the Conference, all standing, after which Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace offered a resolution of respect to Sister Amanda Smith:

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, were much pleased to have with us Sister Amanda Smith, who has been so helpful and beneficial to us, and whom we recognize as one of the best and greatest women of the world along evangelistic lines.

H. A. GRANT,
D. F. CALIMAN,
J. P. Q. WALLACE.

Adopted.

The Bishop said he would try to secure a cut of Sister Amanda Smith to print in the Conference Minutes.

Motion prevailed to approve the Minutes without reading.

The Conference ordered that we have one thousand copies of the Minutes printed, and the Secretaries were elected the Publishing Committee.

Dr. Asbury thanked the brethren for the resolution in respect to himself.

The Bishop announced the following TRANSFERS: Rev. A. R. Palmer to the North Ohio Conference. Rev. J. M. Wilkes from the North Ohio Conference; Rev. M. L. Nettles from the North Ohio Conference, and Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace from the Florida Conference.

A motion prevailed that the amount of money remaining in the Historical and Literary Society be devoted to Bishop Lee to assist in the publication of *The District Circular*.

The Bishop deprecated the entertainment system of raising money, and said, "we must not compromise ourselves in our efforts to carry on the work. Our chief work is to save souls." He said, "some of you are doing well, but I've no doubt you can do better. Don't play the boss, it will hinder your success." He said, "we are advancing in many ways. If Bishop Payne could look upon the progress of the last six years, he would be pleased. Our homes show the marks of culture, refinement and Christianity. Circulate the *Circular*. As to the *five year limit*," he said, "in my work it has been a success, therefore I approve it."

The last words of the Bishop to the brethren were fraught with wisdom, earnestness and great kindness, and conspired to stir within the hearts of the ministers and people a feeling of deepest love and highest admiration, and a loyalty and co-operation that defies the skill of the arch-opposer, to sever the bond of affection.

There being no further business, the appointments were kindly announced, and the Conference adjourned to meet in Brownsville on the first Wednesday in October, 1899.

Thus ends the busy and eventful Thirty-first Session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church.

Benediction by the Bishop.

BENJAMIN F. LEE, PRESIDING BISHOP.

PRICE A. SCOTT, Secretary.
10 Oak Street, Oil City, Pa.

The following cash and substriptions were raised for education:

	Paid.	Subscribed.		Paid.	Subscribed
Bishop Lee.....	$10 00	$25 00	C. N. Butts		5 00
T. A Green.....		5 00	S. A. Lewis		5 00
C. Asbury.....	5 00	20 00	I. B Till.....	1 00	6 00
J. W. Riley.....		5 00	S P. West.....	1 00	8 00
J. W. Gazaway....	5 00	15 00	C A McGee.....	11 00	25 00
Mrs. J. W. Gazaway		5 00	G. W. Webster.....	1 00	5 00
W. S. Lowry.....	5 00	25 00	D Newsome.....		8 50
H. A. Grant.....	4 00	7 00	B. Wheeler..... ..	5 00	5 00
C. N. Woodson.....	4 00	6 00	H. J. Williams.....	1 00	3 00
G G. Skinner.....	2 00	3 00	L. A. Barber		2 00
Charles Garner.....	2 00	3 00	Richard Brown	30	5 00
R. H. Morris.....	10 00	10 00	J E. Morris	1 00	5 00
J. W. Jeffries.....	1 00	14 00	D. S. Bentley.....	10 00	10 00
P. A. Scott.....	5 00	5 00	T. J. Simmons.....	2 00	3 00
J. P. Stephens.		10 00	A. Smothers.....	5 00	5 00
G. C. Sampson.....	10 00	10 00	Dr. H. B. Parks....	10 00	10 00
J. J. Norris.....	47	4 53	J. H Pangburn.....	50	3 00
T. J. Askew.....	1 00	4 00	B. H Lee.....	5 00	10 00
J. P. Q.Wallace....	6 00	4 00	Mr. Clark.....	1 00	
R. H. Bumry.. ...	8 00	12 00	Charles Arnold.....		5 00
Carter Wright.	1 00	5 00	J. A. Latterbery		5 00
Sandy Christian....	1 50	6 50	M S. Jones	1 00	5 00
D. F. Caliman.,....	11 00	15 00	George T. Smith ...		2 00
S. C. Honesty.....	1 00	5 00	R. L. Pickard		2 00
R. M. Henderson...	30	2 00	C J. Powell		2 00
J. W. Brown.....	2 50	5 00	E. E. Obrient.....		2 00
O. T. Davis.....	2 00	5 00			

ROLL OF HONOR.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

PITTSBURG.—Bethel A. M. E. Church, J. W. Gazaway, Pastor. The following persons have paid one dollar: John W Gazaway, J L Gazaway, J M Gazaway, Harriett Googins, J A Hopkins, George Knox, Virginia Proctor, Hannah Carter, Louisa Kannan, Charles Long, Catherine Reed, John Short, W H Jones, Edward Stanford, Mary Dixon, Alice Hopkins, Elizabeth Shields, M. Dimmey, James Ellsbury, Mrs. J. B. Palmer, Isadore Thompson, Elizabeth

Hawkins, Joseph Evans, John Webster, S J Austin, Elizabeth Hunter, Blanche J Woodson, A I Billows, Mrs M J Billows, J T Gilbert, A L Tolliver, John Mellontree, Lottie Mellontree, Ellen M Chaplin, Virginia Johnson, Mrs Henry Stanton, Samuel Roach, Ida Lee, Daniel E Todd, Annie Dixon, Wm H S Rodgers, Louisa Gould, W E Shields, Hallie James, Geo A Eglond, Willis Austin, Charlotte Austin, Gracie P Offer, Asa Gould, Mary Moles, D A James, Thos Monroe, Bessie Monroe, Fannie Carter, Sadie Campbell, Mary Lawson, Gertie Vanclief, Lavina Ball, V. W. Douse, Cornelia Scott, Mary T. Morrison, Mary Ditcher, Susan Wisher, Jacob Wisher, Reason Snowden, T F Murray, Maria Johnson, D R Robt Brady, Geo Chaplin, Felix Blackwell, James W Coats, Margaret E Coats, Nellie Parson, Mary V Brady, Julia Logan, David Smith, Chas S Miller, W P Robinson, A P Halliberton, Sarah Halliberton, Molly Cox, C M Palmer, Amanda Palmer, David Gordon, Carrie Ball, Nancy Thompson, Hannah Robinson, Robt. Jackson, Maria Turner, Thomas Turner, Mary R. Roach, Rosa Mallory, Asbury Thompson, J E Thompson, Lydia Cain, Augusta Williams, Howard Woodson, Rebecca Cox, Rebecca Aldridge, Taylor Aldridge, Martha B Ramey, Andrew H Coleman, Samuel Shreves, Charles Jones, S S, Amanda Jones, S S, David Merritt, W T Miller, Georgiana Ragan, Lizzie E Murray, W E Billows, Thomas Brooks, Josephine Gatewood, Wm Mason, Annie Matthews, H Tolbert, Fannie Anderson, Geo W McDaniels, Dr Wm Coe, Annie M Coe, Mrs Geo Taylor, Maggie Douse, Henrietta Lewis, Mattie Sutton, Samuel Sutton, Henry Wells, V Bickett, D J Daiguid, Fanny Beeler, J H Beeler, Martha Wells, Moses Watson, Mary Watson, A Winn, Mrs A Winn, Annie M Bailey, J W Howard, Barney Thornton, Elizabeth Washington, Lula Randals, Jennie McDaniels, Carrie Simms, C L Johnson, Lizzie R Gibson, Lizzie Dorsey, Sophronia Penn, Taylor Jones, Lucretia Tyler, Emma Thompson, W T Barks, Wm H Stanton, Joshua D Jones, Mary C Smith, James H. Smith, Samuel Golden, Mother Golden,

Valinda Hilton, Hannah Clarkson, N W Tribue, C A Jones, Elizabeth Jones, D H Barnett, Mary E Johnson, Mary Ragan, Ellen Cain, Phelina Lucas, Elizabeth M Henderson Prudy D. Coleman, Frederick Ragan.

The following paid 75 cents: James Powell, Mary M Brady.

The following paid 50 cents: Mary Murray, Stella Mines, Ester Brown, C Dimmy, Mary E Perkins, Henry King, Henrietta Dawson, Lucy Austin, Effie Austin, Jane Lovett, Hannah B Woodson, Esau Reed, Julia Merritt, Laura Douse, Sarah E Saunders, David Lewis, Annie Hughes, Josephene Baltimore, Mattie E Jones, Wm Matthews, Margaret Bacchus, J H Bacchus, Thos Gatewood, Fannie Pindell, Henry Myers, Mrs Henry Myers, Daisy Jenkins, John Foggs, Sophia Foggs, Mary Lewis, Thomas Benton, Ann Benton, Caroline Robinson, Julia E Thomas, Mary Lawson, Eva Thomas, Margarite Thompson, R. R. Thompson, Joseph Stanton, Rebecca Smith, Millie Huston, Mrs D H Barnette, Mattie Willis, Katie Wright, Robert Tocus, Martha Simpson, N J Miles, Mrs. Johnson, Mary F Hilton, Wm Hilton, Thomas Lovell.

The following paid 25 cents: Wm J Butler, Lula Johnson, James Howell, Francis Green, Thomas Hankley, Annie L Delaney, O W McDaniels, E M McDaniels, J C Webb, T. J Smith, Mrs Manly, Louisa Kannon paid $1.50, Alice Banks paid 15 cents, cash, $7.60. Total Dollar Money, $201.00.

The following named persons paid $1.00 last year, and their names were omitted by the printer: Lizzie Gibson, Mary Roach, Mrs Charles Jones, S S, Jane Lovitt, Birdie Gordon, Elizabeth Ingleton. Lucy Dodson paid 50 cents.

EUCLID AVE. A. M. E. CHURCH, PITTSBURG.—W. S. Lowry, Pastor. The following named persons paid one dollar: Mrs Jane Anderson, Lizzie Deans, Emma Sherron Robert Paul, Lucy E Lewis, Robert Wheeler, Tillie Graham, Lydia E Lowry, William Thompson, Samuel Cuff, Lucy Buckner, Mary E White, Josephine Jackson, Mary T Brown, Addie Jones, Hannah Johnston, Alexander Kelley, Samual Bransome, Amanda Bransome, W AKelley, Mary E Wash-

ington, Fred Daugherty, W A Brooks, Malinda Smith, Edward Burgess, Ellen Banks, Mary Addison, Sophia Truely, Rosa Benaman, Harriet Deems, Roy Wheeler, Mary E Moore, Harriet Solomon, Esther Williams, Louisa Scott, Mrs Robert Paul, Howard C Paul, M E Thomas, Caroline Fields, John Pinkard, Ida Paul, Maggie Fields, Louisa Saunders, Anthony Christy, Charles Washington, Fannie Boggs, Edward Patterson, J H Freeman, Ellen Battels, Lucinda Barnes, Georgie Rosie, Lula Boyd, Cora B Sheppard, Jennie White, William Scott, Mary E Thompson, Florence Harden, Mary Johnson, Amelia Tibbs, Eliza Butler, Mamie Hawkins, Maurice Merideth, Mary E Tobias, Carrie E Bailey, Carrie Webster, Daniel M Benham, Augustus Johnson, Louis Collins, Joshua Brown, Lottie Hopkins, Benjamin Williams, J W Jenkins, Alice Simons, Earnest Strothers, Josephine Ashfield, Wm S Lewis, Francis Justice, W S Justice, Levi Grason.

The following named persons paid seventy-five cents: Alice Bailey, Lizzie Spurlock, Wm Anderson, Charles Bullet, Lerisa Brown, Mary Coy, D Carter.

The following named persons paid fifty cents: Armstead Veeny, Jos Singleton, Annie White, Manoria Lovett, Mrs L Jackson, John Sarles, Minnie Nelson, Eliza Goldwire, Flora Adison, Hester Palmer, Gardener Scott, Bettie Coxen, Lizza Washington, Hester Jackson, James Jackson, Sarah Johnson, 40 cents.

The following named persons paid twenty cents: Dallas Carter, Irene Grant, Bessie Carter, James Harris, I Richardson, Fannie Anderson, Charles Coy, Blanch E Cousins, A L Woodson, Charles Bullet. Grand total, $103.00

WILLIAMSPORT.—Cornelius Asbury, pastor. The following persons paid $1.00: Elizabeth O'Brien, Mary Blue, Joseph L Anderson, Mother White, Sarah T Smith, Perry Sonners, Sarah Williams, Victoria Branson, Willis Branson, Lewis Cuff, Elizabeth Cross, Rebecca Robison, Esther Newman, John H White, Mary Willis, James Willis Henry Newman, Chas J Powell, Annie Norton, Jerry Blue,

Rebecca Barber, Lizzie Poindexter, Ella Mature, Hannah Green, Berkley Blue, Louisa Blue, Ruthella Robison, Mary A Wagner, John Gross, Howard Butler, Richard Lustre, David Blue, Charlotte Blue, Monah Anderson, Charlotte Dorkins, Isaiah White, Annie M White, Sadie Jackson, Charlotte Jones, D. Harrison, Joseph Washington, John Fairfax, Jr, T F Norton, Caroline Williams, Lizzie Hutchinson, Henrietta Harris, William Stokes, Cora Bryant, John Fairfax, Sr, David Anderson, Harriett Hagan, Wm Cross, George Wagner, Jennette Johnson, Mary Russell, Louisa Asbury, Cora Goodman, Mrs Butler, Alexander Phillips, William Green, M W Wood, Edward Demby, Bell Johnson, Marion Kelly, Maggie Wood, Sarah Gross, Elizabeth Lewis, Nancy Peterson, Isabella Russell, Douglas Green, Friend 50 cents.

SCRANTON, PA.—Rev. H. A. Grant, Pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Virginia Thomas, Margaret Evans, George Brown, Julia Hill, Jeremiah Logan, Cephas Scott, Mrs Cephas Scott, James Foster, Charles Grimes, W H Harris and Martha E Harris, Charles C Smith, James Edward Nelson, Anna L Davis, Marshal Tinker, Mary Colwell and son, J. Harry Colwell, one dollar and twenty-five cents, Mrs H A Grant and son, W R A Grant, one dollar and twenty-five cents, Lula Smith and daughter, Florence A Smith, one dollar and twenly-five cents, Samuel Porter and Mrs Samuel Porter, Florence Lilly, Alamanza Porter, John W Dorsey, Edward Jackson and Mrs Edward Jackson, Lewis Morton and Mrs Lewis Morton, Joseph King, Samuel Howard, Hattie Howard, M B Howard, and Mrs M B Howard, Daniel Dorsey, Pattie Pattison, Sarah E Walker, Fannie Hart, Clara C Stackhouse, Festus A Crump, E T Ivory, Rose Jackson, E. F. Hall, Nellie E E Grant, Wiliiam Porter.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Maggie Lillie, Jasper Newmins, Laura Plater, Mary Burgett, Anna Lee, Mrs W D Smith, Ida C Huft, Mrs John W Dorsey, Amy Brown, Abi Nelson, Mrs J C Foster, Mr and Mrs Joseph Foster, paid twenty-five cents each. Total, 48.00.

WILKESBARRE.—A. R. Palmer, pastor. T Robinson, G Gains, J Branch, M Raspus, S J Patterson, R Cheesman, M Payne, A Woodson, Alice Logan, J Logan, S Norman, A Edson, W Brown, E Johnson, Hartville Miller, Mrs E Brown, G Young, Mrs C Wycoff, each paid one dollar.

Mrs C Norman paid 75 cents. M J Smith, M J Steward, J Compton, C Nelson, C Pegram, paid fifty cents each. Mrs E Thompson paid twenty-five cents. Total, $21.50.

BELLEFONT, PA.—C. N. Woodson, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Edward Overton, Alfred Stewart, Wm Mills, George Brown, Henry Williams, Thomas Taylor, Lawrence Williams, James Carter, James Miller, Howard Tremble, Earnest Jackson, Peter Jones, Goen Thomas, Harry Johnson, B Williams, Thomas Bedington, Celia Mills, Ammie Brown, Della Woodson, Lucy Stewart, Mary Bendington, Matilda Dorsey, Adaline Lawson, Florence Overton, Rosie Pifer, Mary Miller, Tamazine McDonald, Minnie Du Bois, Margaret Powell, Martha Miller, Katherina Green, Ella F Jackson, Luvenia Williams, Julia Fitchett, Sallie Mosey, Ellen Thomas Carolina Monroe, Louisa Robinson, Maggie Valentine, Ella Snyder, Bertha Thomas, Annie Dunlap, Clara Williams, Georgetta Woodson, Lizzie Stewart, Carrie Mills, Calvin Piper, Alice Embry.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Lettie Carter, Maria Green, Samuel Robinson, Annie Carter, Emma Hainer, Rachel Thomas, Martha Overton, Wilhelmina Woodson, Leah Woodson, G Treeman, E Green.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Waymon Woodson, William Woodson, John Carter. John H Grimes paid fifteen cents. Total, $52.15.

NEW HAVEN, PA.—J P Q Wallace, pastor. The following named persons paid one dollar: J S Jones, Nichlas Scott, Wm Buchannan, Wm Coleman, Chas E Brown, Jacob Green, John Pondexter, John A Brown, Johnson Fox, Sandy McNeal, Harry Freeman, Esau Gardner, J N Strouthers ($1.25.), W M Speaks, Allie V Wallace, Anna

Buchannan, Jennie Barker, Lizzie Jones, Ellen Williams, Mary Lewis, Lina Strothers, Haddie Wallace, Levena Coleman, Harriet Barker, Mary Green, Mary Watts, Sarah Fox, Virginia Benfort, Lulu Hicks, Elsie Gardner, Rose Pondexter, Mrs Asbury, Mary White.

T H Brown, J H Thompson, W B Mills, James Buchannan, Lewis Henderson, Benj Jones, George Jackson, Nettie McNeal, Lizzie Ross, Annie Harris, Daisy Jackson, Mary Thompson, Lulu Mossett, Haddie Williams, Carrie Ross, Anna Henderson, Anna Jackson, Sidney Washington, paid fifty cents. Lulu Thompkins paid seventy-five cents. Paid twenty-five cents: John Golden, Geo Rhenbotton, Robert Ross, Columbus Howard, Charlott Ross, Alice Rhenbotton, Maggie Jones, Rebecca Howard. Total, $45.00.

GREENSBURG. Rev. O. T. Davis, Pastor. The following paid one dollar: Jacob White, Emery Stokes, A. T. Tangerson, Nannie Beasley, Nora J Fitzpatrick, Anna T Davis, Rachel Stokes, Vincent Stokes, Mary Stokes, Nellie Ferguson, Lewis Nimmey, Emma Hackney, W A Nicholas, W T Young, Zella Monroe, Ida Dorsey, Bertha R Layton, Augustine Stokes, Rebecca Morris.

The following paid fifty cents each: Francis Layton, John Nimmey, Martha Demus, Clara Dixon, Mary M Simmons.

The following paid thirty-five cents each: Lizzie A Davis, Jessie E Davis. Nancy Wright paid 25 cents. Paid 5 cents each: Alwine Ferguson, Gladys W Ferguson, Emma Stokes Annie Stokes, Howard Stokes, William Stokes, Frank Stokes, T A Stokes, William Lupton, Georgie Lupton, Walter Lupton, Louise White, Nellie Hackney, Raymond Hackney, Willie Dorsey, Zedia Irene Dorsey. Total, $23.25.

BRADDOCK. Rev. S. C. Honesty, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Ida Lee, Mary L Ervin, Martha Roy, Sadie Bell, Bena Taylor, Pauline Pogue, Jennie Puller, Benj. Puller, Martha Evans, Rylie Jennison, William Walker, Katie Walker, George Walker, T K Thompson, Adia Wells, William Washington, Matilda Rob-

inson, Martha Carry, Anthony Darvin, Annie Rideout, Jacob Rideout. Paid 50 cents: Mamie Washington, Annie Jackson, Samuel Hobson, Katie Brone, Mary Edwards. Paid 25 cents: Bertie Jackson and George Rose.

McKEESPORT. Rev. Daniel Newsome, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Samuel Spriggs, Elizabeth Pryor, Arlinne Newsome, Logania E Christian, Deliah Miles, Sadie Gordon, Andrew Scott, Emma Mackeral, Adam Golden, Daniel Newsome. Paid 65 cents: Ethel Green, Charles Mackeral, Nettie McClure. Mr Wm Thompson paid 67 cents: Paid fifty cents: Sister Enty, Mrs Clara Derry, Mary E Hauger, Ethel Hunter, Mr W O Banion forty cents, Mr S Dolman. Paid 25 cents: Maud Enty, Friend 4 cts, Wilbia Newsome 26 cts, Venzella Newsome 25, Grace Enty 15 cts, Robt Williams 25 cts, Laura Golden 20 cts, Mary West 15 cts, John Derry 7 cts, H Minnie 10 cts, Charles Enty and Mrs Braxton each 10, C L Jackson, Ella Banion, John Southall each 5 cts, Blanton Brown and Florence Marshall 4 cts, Adolpha Christian and John Dickson 2 cts. Small donations from persons who do not wish their names published, $2.98. Total $21.00.

TYRONE.—A Smothers, pastor, Paid $1.00: E C Johnson, Alfretta Moulton, Susan Crampton, Mamie Smothers. Paid fifty cents: Susan Lancaster, A P Lancaster, Nancy Plowden, Wm Willis, G W Slaughter, C R Thompson, G W Bryant, Nellie Brown, Thos Brown, Mlisus Crampton, Florence Crampton, Laura Hunter. Paid 25 cents: Mrs G W Bryant, Aby Snider, G Snider, Glenna Jones, C Jones, Harry Jones, Maude Hunter, B F Baker, R Thomas, Jos Garner, Lizzie Thomas, B Crampton, Sr, B Crampton, Jr, A Bryant, Mrs J C White, M Dorsey, Lewis Thomas. Total, $14.25.

ALTOONA.—W. W. Young, pastor. Paid $1.00. Mrs T B Shorter, Rev Lewis Dickson, Mrs J H Shorter, Margaret Paul, Lucy Fowler, Mrs W H Holmes, Ellen Posey Louisa Taylor, Mrs Worldy, Aaron Powell, Mrs Aaron Powell D. E. Johnson, G W Green, David Keith, Maggie Whiting,

Annie Stanton, Levi Richardson, Mr Morton. Lulu Lervis paid 75 cents. Paid 50 cents each: Flora Nesbit, M Bolyar, Martha Stokes, Annie Richardson. Mr and Mrs Henry Lewis paid one dollar each. Total, $22.75.

HOMESTEAD. H. G. Thomas, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Thos Campbell, Tucker Clark, Thos Jackson, Fannie Cahill, Elizabeth Bell, Albert Brent, Thos Blake, Zacariah Blake, Maggie Blake, S A Randolph, Louisa Norris, Lucy White, Manual Randolph, Florence Blake, Mary E Jackson. Paid 50 cents: Elizabeth Jackson Chas Castleman, Maggie Castleman, Cora Kerns, Cora Johnson, Abraham Steward, Kate Steward, Ada Wind, Jennie Blake, Fannie Campbell, Minnie Sanders, Elizabeth Ody. Paid 25 cents: Bertie Jackson, Florence Jackson, Maggie Clark, J M Mitchell, M E Johns, Emma Ralph, W H Hopoome, Daniel Johnson, Amos Wilkins, Georgiana Sanders, Chas Jackson, Maggie Sanders, W M Campbell, W P Campbell, Robert Hargrove, Emma Smith, Erank Smith, S B Poindexter, Harry Scott, Mr Sanders. Total, $26.00.

DUQUESNE. The following persons paid $1.00: Columbus Duckett, Elizabeth Weaver. Paid 50 cents: Hester Harris, Julia Streets. Paid 25 cents: Samuel Smith, Mary McGeorge, Molly Hillman, Esa Campbell, Annie Jones. Total $4.25.

PHILLIPSBURG. Rev. M. S. Jones, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Eliza Carter. Katie Jackson, Llyod Rideout. Paid 50 cents each: Eli Carter, Mollie Page, Georgia Johnson paid twenty-five cents.

CURWENSVILLE. The following paid one dollar each: Emma Watson, Harriett Taylor, John Webb, Frank Braxton, Hunter Brock. Paid 50 cents each: Anna Jones, Sue Carroll, Lottie Jones, Mary Burkley, Mary Hartshorn. Total $11.40.

LOCK HAVEN. Rev. Charles Garner, Pastor. Following gave one dollar each: Peter D Brown, Mary D

Brown, Lucinda Stills, Clara Butler. Paid 50 cents: James Tyler, Eliza Roberts, John Roberts. Paid 25 cents: Clayton Roberts, Florence Roberts.

JERSEY SHORE. The following paid one dollar each: H W Carter, Annie Molson, Lydia Carter. G. W. Smith and Catherine E Smith each 50 cents.

MONTROSE.—J. W. Brown, pastor. P P Norris, G L Battle, Geo Battle, Nimrod Slaughter, Mrs Esterline Slaughter, Cathrine Battle, Lila Ball, Jane Norris, paid one dollar. Annie Manyard paid ten cents. Alice Battle, paid five cents. Total, $8.15.

NORTH PITTSBURG. Jane Henderson, W S Jones, one dollar each. Albert Dorsey, Julia Dorsey, Chas Wheeler, Jennie Wheeler, Geo Grass, 50 cents each. Francis Jones paid one dollar. Total, $5.50.

WAVERLEY. Paid one dollar: J R Johnson, E G Tillman, Catherine Bradley, G A Johnson, C C Brown, S E Lee, Richard Norris. Paid 50 cents: S E Thomas, Mrs R A Robinson, Susan Sampson, Susan Baker, Ellen Parks, Miss E F Washington, Chas Washing. Sterling Bedford paid 25 cents. Total, $10.75.

BLOOMSBURG.—Chas. N. Butts, pastor. J T Parks and Anna Sewell paid one dollar. Ella Johnson, Glasco Tameron, Elmira Cameron, Amanda Dennes, William Stuckey, Rebecca Stuckey, paid 50 cts. Caroline Dennes paid 25 cts. Total, $5.25.

MILTON. William Marshall and George Hector paid one dollar each. Total, $2.00.

DANVILLE. Mary A Jordan, Elizabeth Boley, one dollar. Cora Jordan and Nelly Jordan, paid 50 cents each. Total, $3.

BEDFORD. Rev. R. M. Henderson, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Mary Garner, Susan Bush, Matilda Dangerfield. Paid 50 cents: G W Bell, Preston Steward, Rebecca Thomas, G F Bell paid 25 cents. Millie Plowden paid five cents. Total, $4.80.

EVERETTE. The following paid one dollar each: J N Bruce, Nancy Watkin; Jane Slaughters paid 85 cts; Jane H Johnson paid fifty cents; Annie Swann paid 25 cts. Total $3.50.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

BROWN CHAPEL. R. H. Morris, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Lydia W Jones, Agusta Ward, Mary L Wayland, Daniel Craig, Mattie W Fields, Sarah Fields $1.25, Lewis Queen, Lonesa Washington, Emma Moore, William Smith, Henrietta Jones, Laura V Howard, Florence Frye, Charles Bronson, Mamie Thomas, Geo Crunkleton, Carrie B Crunkleton, Mason Washington, Rachel George, J R Dorkins, John W Howard, W J Mitchell, Hester Mitchell, Elizabeth Jones, E C M Stevenson, Minnie Tanker, Gracie Brooks, Mintie Norman, George Wilson, Emma Monday, Nathan Peters, Sarah Clark, Sallie Conrad, Nancy Grim, Anna Gates, Sarah Hurrington, Izetta Jefferson, Hester Smith, Jacob Henderson, Amanda Brown, Jos K Crunkleton, Henry Buck, Lonesa Henderson, Joseph Mott, Richard Hunter, Maria Overhall, Amanda Bibbs, Anna Lewis, Alverta Lewis, Findley Cuff, Amanda Holmes, Hiram Myers, W H Crunkleton, Hattie Cumkleton, Sadie Speaks, Rosetta Poindexter, Fannie Frazier, M. J. Thomas, Ella London, Robert Johnson, Hannah King, D H Pier, Iva Smith, Anna R Bushrod, Mary E Burrels, Sarah Stanton, Anna Johnson, Josephine Jordan, John M Smith, Alexander Berry, Mary J Severs, M A Johnson, Harriet Cole, Ellen Green, James Queen, D R Lee, Rev S Burrells, Mary Pearson, Jennie Jones, Samuel M Lewis, Geo Hutchinson, Elizabeth Byas, Benj Vaughn, Lucy Watson, J A Wilson, D B Williams, Maggie Williams, Sadie Lefwick, Priscilla Crunkleton, Eliza Buck, Elizabeth Wilson, Georgiana Reed, Jas H Page, Israel Kelly, Silas Christian, Elizabeth Matt, Sarah Dickson, Mrs Daniel Craig G F Silas, Frank Stratton, Jennie Page, Mary A Beal, Susan Johnson, Maggie A Morris, Annie Carson, Nettie Kelly

Sarah Catlin, Nancy Banks, Susan Duflin, Ruth Jones, E J Cox, Wm S Smith, Lucy B Clay, Ellen Matthews, Lillian S Dorkins, Lewis E Harps, John Lewis, Chas Butler, Mary Henderson, Eliza Brown, Thomas E Moore, C H Robison, M Frazier, W H Barnum, Mary A Barnum, Louisa Cole, Susan P Johnson, America F Stuart.

The following named persons paid 75 cents: Cora Stafford and Louisa Sawyer.

The following named persons paid 50 cents each: Eliza Lane, S H Morris, G W Cook, Ruth Arter, Clifton Snyder, Mary F Lewis, Vienna Snyder, Lizzie Morris, A Tompkins, Lewis Ewell, Mary E Ewell, Caleb Morris, Sarah Sterling, Elnora Brooks, Eliza Speaks, Mrs Hyman Myers, Ella Jackson, A Pool, Margaret Wylie, Mary Jones, Homer Riley, Ida Riley, Margaret Sampson, Emma Taylor, Fannie Wayland, Louisa Snyder, Jane Brown, Jennie Sawyer, Otoway Glen, Viola Johnson, Carrie E Crunkleton, Chas Swaney, MatildaWallace, Georgiana Johnson, Georgiana Bruce, A Roberson 60 cts, Ellen Patterson, Lizzie Moore, Laura Lee, Mary Godfrey, 55 cts, Annie Harrison, Lizzie Minor, Edward Howard 25 cts. Total $151.15.

CHARTIERS STREET. Rev. B. Lee, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each: Daniel Dorsey, L V Jones, William Minor, William Robertson, James Slifer, Joshua Frazier, George Dexter, Chas Titus, Henry Bayard, G W Stevenson, J L Jackson, Rebecca Slifer, Rachet Shields, Alice Bayard, Mother Delaney, Thomas Williams, George Morgan, Walker Stevenson, Callie Morris, Cora A Lee, Dudley Marshall, Lydia Marshall, Annie Douglass, Mary A Williams, E Washington, Fredonia Jones, Sister C Titus, Matilda Wilson, Fanny Diggs, Alice Richardson, Anna Greenleaf, Nancy Dexter, Sister Manney, Arreaner Hill, Martha Diggs, John E Cox, S E Cox, Mary J Winters William Lucas, Mary J Snowden, Paul Spence, Laura Roberson, Elizabeth Recktor, Pauline Stevenson, Annie Richards, Sister Price, Charlie Carroll, Sister Carroll, Carrie

Lucas, Kate Fields, John Richards 75c. The following persons paid 50c: George Smith, Pearl Smith, Jennie Dorsey, Susan Jones, John Gross, Mary Gross, Ephraim Morris, William Sackett, Will Price, Nettie Richards, Gertrude Boyd, C Hardy, Julia Rigerly, Bessie Rigerly, A Rigerly, Frank Shields. Hettie Hardy, Sister Jackson, Sarah Fry, A Woodward, Mrs Gatimay, Rachel Dorsey, Lizzie Dorsey, Thomas Chamber. Total $63.25.

UNIONTOWN. Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Pastor. The following persons paid $1.00: Belle Blue, Minerva Jenkins, C A Jenkins, Alex Belt, Phillip Johnson, I N Skinner, Annie Baxter, Lydia Johnson, A L Salsbury, Sarah J Black, Ida Jackson, Henrietta Skinner, Troy Barnes, Emma Moore Harold Thomas, Robert Butler, Georgie Palmer, Laura Thomas, Ettie Briant, Mary M Palmer, George Warfield, Lulo Coston, Luly Webster, Emma Henderson, M K Catlin Wm Hackney, Josephine Crawford, Eliza Moxly, M J Carray, Lizzie Chisom, Nancy Fox, George Fox, Emily Grant, Isaac Giles. Walter Garnes. The following persons paid 75c: Helen Frooman, Phebe Gilbert, Allie Calihan, Elizabeth Palmer. Paid 50 cents: Elizabeth West, Fielding Walker, Mary Walker, Wm Thomas, Josephine Thomas, Lizzie Truly, Eli Truly, John Smothers, Emma Smothers, E J Scott, H H Scott, Ellis Robison, Minnie Palmer, Maggie McClare, Virginia Jeffries, Elizabeth A Jeffries, Lizzie Jackson, W A Henry, Ida Douglas, Francis Dix, Geo Ditcher, Emma Carter, M A Chapman, Emma Carter, E M Curray, Ida Carter, Ida Bolden, Delia Baxter, P C Baxter, Emma Bolden, Margaret Burgess, M V Baxter. Paid 25c: Louise Bolden, Lydia Jones, Katie Reynolds, Lizzie Truly, Francis C Carter, Paul Q Carter, Garnette Carter, Lizzie Carter, Wm Russell Chapman, M A Curry, Buela Fox, Lizzie Belt. Total, $62.50.

BROWNSVILLE. Rev. C. A. McGee, Pastor. The following paid $1.00: Eliza Banks, Maggie Costard, Charles Banks, Carrie Wheeler, B R A Tighman, T W Flood, George Bennett, Olive Arnett, Lizzie Florence, Su-

sie Peyton, Anna Crable, Richard Jackson, Mary E Turner Blanche Hilton, Mary M Brookens, John Penn, Sarah Jackson, Maude Hilton, Wm Stribbling, Chas Smothers, Cornelia Bolden, Ida Berry, Mary Ellen Black, Julia Johns, John A Yates. Paid 50 cents: Matilda Jackson, Anna Mossett, Lucinda Arnett, Mary J Hackett, Belle Alexander Georgetta Mossett, Mary Peyton, Francis Lanon, Henry Mossett, William Carpenter, Anna Butler, Horace Johns, Thomas Barnes, James Black, Mary Smothers, Wm Jones, Gay A McGee, Ellen Black, Winnie Johnson, P Moore, Eli Hilton. Paid 75 cents: Mary Bolden, Alice Bolden, Alcie Dyson. Paid 25 cents: Mary Sorrel, Eva Carpenter, Lavina Cain, Gertrude Crable, Caroline Bolden, Harold H Johns, John Alexander, Cornelia Fox. Paid 10 cents: Everet Crable, C Antoinette McGee, Lewis A McGee, Grace D. McGee, Ruth E McGee. Geo L Cain 5 cents. Total $40.30

PIKE RUN. Morgan Jones, H A Wallace and Mary Wallace paid 50 cents. Osie Wallace, Minnie Wallace, Maggie Smith, Mary Jones and Kate Smith paid 25 cents. Vance and Clyde Clowden paid 10 cents. Total $2.95.

OIL CITY. George C Sampson, Pastor, The following paid one dollar each: Hannah Mann, R H Mann, Jerry Williams, Peter Brien, Lucinda Brien, Chas Simons, Susan Simon, Andy Bolden, Alice Bolden, M W Franklin, Lyda Franklin, Amy Brice, Carrie Peterson, Tempy Gray, C H Orbison, Emma Hill, Chas Ashby, John Ashby, Ruth Hopkins, F J Orbison, Eliza Carrol, S T Lucas, Flora Christy, Levi Newsome, Martha Rankins, Noble Johnson, Nettie Myers, Jessie Barrett. Paid 50 cents: Louisa Williams, Jennie Jackson, W Paul, Rosa Paul, Sarah Jenkins, Susan Anderson, Geo Lewis, Nettie Thompson, Emma Johnson, Bessie Lucas, Belle Jackson, Henry Vaughn, Harrison Moore, Mary Coles. Annie Brown, 25 cents. Total $35.25.

TITUSVILLE. The following paid one dollar each; Mehala Sampson, Martha D Sampson, Geo Grimes, Geo Humphries, Charlotte Humphries, Frank A Raikes, Emeline

Hawkins, Georgie Jones, Annie Jordan, James A Gordon, John Jordan, S E Samuels, David Ross, Ellen Taylor, W M Hector, Catherine Hector, John S Clark, Julia Clark, Henry Gayton, Francis Johnson, Annie L White, A E Jackson, Jane Neal, Angie Scott, Annie Clark, John Neal.

Paid 50 cents each; Annie L Sampson, John Kinney, John Brown, I H Thomas, M J C Thomas, Samuel Jordan, John Clark, Charlotte Clark, Willie Neal, M J Hartshorn, Levi Samuels, Joseph Norman, Jennie Rawlins, Sophia Berry, M Churchman, Mary J Churchman. Emma G Sampson, Georgetta Sampson, Charles Samuels. Total $71.00.

MEADVILLE. Rev. P. A. Scott, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Cornelia D Scott, Charles Allen, Mrs Carr, Frank Henry, Hattie Pratt, Lena Henry, Sam Green, Willis Sharp, David Lee, Lincoln Henderson, C M Gillespie, Maggie Henderson, Alice Gillespie. Paid 50 cents: Lydia Gordon, John R Gordon, Clara Maude Scott, Annie Clark, Clara Miller, Ida May Tilly, George Tilly, Ellen Chinn, Rachel Wright, Sam Miller, W J Scott, Jennie Butler. Paid 25 cents: George Cowan, R M Henderson, Jane Sharp. Mrs. L. J. Denny paid 60 cents. Total $20.35.

FRANKLIN. Rev. S. P. West, Pastor. The following paid one dollar: W J Jones, C W Henderson, Seth Stevens, Douglass Fields, Rev James Lawson, Albert Lawson, Thomas Minor, H B Dixon, J S Lawson, Merritt Graves, Marshall McClellan, Joseph Conners, Abraham Brown, A G Watkins, J H Bellamy, Lucinda Stevens, Anna Henderson, Maggie Carter, Eva Carter, Nannie Stevens, Nellie Nesbit, Priscilla Henderson, Mrs Dora West. Paid 50 cts. each: Plummer Henderson, Mayme Braxton, Julia Dixon, Mary Fields, Amanda Scott, Helen Bryant, Nannie Rector. Paid 25 cents: Charlie Fields, Daisy Lawson, Josephine Patterson, E M Lawson, James West, Anna West, Marguerite West. Total $27.50.

MONONGAHELA. Rev. B. Wheeler, Pastor. The following paid $1.00: Clara Jones, Henry Smith, Scott Spen-

cer, Bell Irvin, Peter Bowman, John Turner, Daniel Furgeson, J J Jones, Mary Andrews, Cora Palmer, Bessie Griffin, Lotta Brooks, Zoda Kemper, Ida Smith. Paid 75 cts: Sarah Carter, Alfred Long. Paid 50 cts: Elizabeth Wheeler, Levada Carter, Anna Wheeler, M B Jones, Birdie Long Moses Jones, Anna Jones, Rachel Kemper, Elizabeth Randolph, Maggie Ferguson, Julia Turner, Sarah Long, J W Wright, Lucinda Ware, M E Spencer, Henry Clayburn. Paid 25 cents: Daisy Randolph, Blanche Randolph, Nettie Claik.

NEW BRIGHTON. I. B. Till, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each; Lottie Bruen, Katie Flenoy, Annie Webb, Helen Williams, Anthony Logan, Amelia Jackson, Sarah Kisney, Viola Caliman, Robert Dabney, Charles Rose, Ida Rose, Julia Webster, Maggie Washington, Sarah Doke, Mayme Early, Annie Sanders, Emeline Sanders, Robert Johnson, Harriett Smith, Richard Smith, Secie Jackson, Anna Webb, Eva Porter, John Bruen Mary Simms, Edward Williams, Joseph Johnson, Elizabeth Dawson, Alfred Jackson, Lucy Jackson, James Webster, Robert Brown. Paid 50 cents; Mary Logan, Elizabeth Webster. Paid 25 cents; Lizzie Webster, Retta Davis, Bessie Jackson, Amanda Wells. Total $34.

ELIZABETH. Rev. G. G. Skinner, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar each; Maggie Norris, Jane Martin, Tillie Saunders, Olive Martin, Dorcas B Scott, Alfred Scott, Robert Payne, Martha Phillips, Hester Harrison John Holmes, Mary Redman, Workman Simmons, Annie Morris, Samuel Pangburn, Annie Pangburn, Jas H Pangburn, Amanda Holmes, Saphire Holmes, Hannah Davidson, Parthenia Haddox, Lydia Catlin, May Truman, Geo Saunders, T J Davidson, A J Batch, Ella Simmons, Lillie Saunders, Annie McFarland, J A Batch, Jas Parker, Mrs Martha Phillips, Rebecca Pangburn 75 cents. Paid 50 cents; Dorcas B Pangburn, Sara A Pangburn, Harrison Berry, Nancy Pangburn, Armada Simmons, Harriet Saunders, Katie Catlin, Sadie J Pangburn, Nancy Phillips, Katie Bell, Amanda

Skinner, Linne Simmons, Lizzie Catlin, Margaret Rice. Paid 25 cents: Olie Baker, Wylie Pangburn, Emma Davidson, Ruth Davidson, Luke Davidson, Andrew Batch, William Vivette, Charles Skinner. Thomas Davidson 15 cents. Hannah Davidson 10 cents. Total $41.

BRADFORD. Rev. J. P. Stephens, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar; Elizabeth Blackwell, Catherine B Draper, David Thomell, Adelaid H Smith, Martha Malone, Carrie Thomell, Mattie Carter, Preston Jones, Edna Collins, Ex-Mayor L Ward, Sophia Collins, Annie E Stephens, Isabella Ames, Magot G C Tagnan, City Treasurer McLean, C J Lane, W D Lucas, A W Newell, Martha Butler, L F Egbert, Isaac McGanza. Paid 50 cents; Preston Jones, Edna Collins, Agnes Curtis, Mildred Smith 25 cents. Total $20.75.

SOUTHSIDE, PITTSBURG. Rev. J. W. Riley, Pastor. The following paid one dollar: Louisa Shepperson, Relda Harris, George Goodman, Matilda Henderson, Susan Smith, John Henderson, Lulu Shepperson, Willis T Lee, Alex J Jenkins, Samuel Shepperson, Benj Henderson, Monroe Smith. Paid 75 cents: Mabel Burns, Martha Williams, Charles Penn 60 cents. Paid 50 cents: Sarah Griffin, Shen Boles, Frances Williams, Robert Harris, Daniel Smith, Catherine West, Walter Walker, Alford Jackson, Elizabeth Carter. Paid 25 cents: Mamie West, William Jackson, John Jackson, Andrew Winston, L Hollins, E R Epps, J W Carver, William Thornton. Harry Tolliver 22 cents. Amelia Brown. Alex Wells, Charles Williams, Luke Gay, Total $22.20.

WEST NEWTON. Rev. T. J. Askew, Pastor. The following paid $1.00: C R Ware, M E Catling, B Brunson Irena J Askew, Martha Brunson, M L Morton, Penney Griffin, Catherine Watkins, Adderson Jetts. Paid 75 cts: C H Catlin, Rebecca Hardie, Lucy Lyles, Jennie Scott. Paid 50 cents: Caroline Wilson, Lizzie Green, Lewis Gray, Bailey Graw, Rachael Watson, David Durrett, Claborn Gray, Nancy Tanner, Lula Tanner. Paid 25 cents: Mary

A Sterling, Fannie Ware, Arsula Minnis, John Gray, F Isabella Askew, Minnie Ellsworth, Mary F Johnson, Mary Jordan, Geo W Jordan, Carrie Jordan. Paid 15 cents: May Scott, Lewis Scott, Bella Brunson, Nathaniel Goff, C W H Catlin, Hannah M Catlin. Total $19.90.

WEST ELIZABETH. The following persons paid $1: C H Armstrong, M Armstrong, Lafayette Randolph, Hattie Randolph, Joseph Randolph, Effie Randoph, Mary Brown, Alvira Anderson, W J Stratton, Luella Randall, J S Anderson, John Braw. Paid 75 cents: Alexander Randolph, Louisa Randolph, Monroe Randall, Sarah Jones. Paid 50 cents: Rev. Morris, Emma Smith, Wm Armstrong. Paid 25 cents; Patsey Randolph, Martha Armstrong, Elizabeth Jane Carter. Total $17.25.

WEST BRIDGEWATER. Joshua J. Norris, pastor. The following paid one dollar: Andrew Tanner, Louis Ash, Sydney Freeman, Archibald Hoggshead, William Harris, Clara Ash, Lucy Tanner, Hattie Carter, Julia Bolden, Harriet Butler, Rosie Sayles, Ruth Webster, Ruth Patterson. Nancey Evans paid seventy-five cents. The following fifty cents: Rachel Cole, Kate L Doggett, Maria Ash, Minnie Tanner, Dolly Love, Katherine Ford, Clara Freeman, Tillie Cisco, Bertha Overbee, Marcella Butler, Charles Ash. Paid twenty-five cents: John Gordon, Ida Minor, Frank Evans, Beverley Carter, Clara Ford, J T Pryor, Mary E Pryor, Agness Evans. Total, $21.25.

SEWICKLEY. H. J. Williams, pastor. The following paid $1.00. Sarah Dungee, H Lovett, Mary E Bradford, Lucy Anderson, Jane Moreland, Hannah Williams, Lucy Harris, Julia Booth, Hannah N Pryon, Annie Jackson, William Anderson, Layton A Morrison, John Cole. Paid fifty cents, Cora Williams, Rebecca Dungee, Martha J Morrison, Bertha Johnson, Mrs Johnson, P J Cox. Total, $16.

CANONSBURG. Rev. G. W. Webster, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: John Richardson, Francis Richardson, Henry Smith, Mary Smith, Geo W Turner, Nancy I Burrell, Henry Minnie, Mary C Minnie, Retta

Minnie, Saul Minnie, Matilda Richardson, Thomas Richardson, William Rogers, Wm Burrell, Joseph Edie, T F Webster, Sarah Webster, W H Hughes, John Green. Paid 50 cents: Lydia Norris, Bell Norris, Georgia Alberta Webster, W C Smith, Granville Broddena, Charles Wanzie, Irene Lee, James Wilson, Ellen Norris, Bell Dillon, W M Freeman, Mrs Wm Freeman, Howard Thomas, Ellen Thomas, Wm F Smith, Josie Smith, N. H. Smith, Jacab Minnie, Spotwood Strothers, George Bush, Gerome Bowman, The following paid twenty-five cents: Nancy Burrell, Mary Richardson, R C Sheppard, Wm Lewis, George Speaks, Maggie Burrell, Fred Raggan, Mrs F F Wilson, Charles Leys, Robert Peyton, Wendolin Peyton, Joseph Pheris, Paul Jones, W T D Webiter, Mrs Wm Irwin, Earnest Strothers, Hiram Smith. The following paid ten cents. Margret Turner, Mrs Primus. Julia Coats, 10 cts. Taolor Cane, 15 cts. Lottie Nerris, 5 cts. Total, $34,45.

OLEAN, N. Y. Rev. Eli McKnight, Pastor. Sarah Lawrence, Mrs W W Virginia, Hank Johnson, Ada McKnight, Earl McKnight, Mrs. George Wright, Mrs Strong, George Congdon, Edward Bonner, G Barnett, Carrie Rowe, Peter Williams, Mayor Strong, George Brown. Paid 50 cents: J Tomkins, J Tomkins, Mrs Tolson, T H Barnes. Total $16.00.

BELLE VERNON. Rev. T. A. J. West, Pastor. The following persons paid one dollar: Cora Boman, Lucy Lockley, Becky Boman, Emma Turner, John Johnson, Henry Hill, John Brokenbar, C P Sanders, Cora Johnson, Willie Johnson. The following paid 75 cents: Robert Ross. Paid 50 cents: Sindie Scott, Pat Carson, Willie Bazier, Henry Phoston, Ella Lockley, Edward Johns, Adam Cooper. Paid 25 cents: David Lee, Aberham Minnie, Nannie Griffie, Stella West, Sarah Carson, Callie West, Johnson Bazier, Willie Wright, Albert Turner, Paid 10 cents: Clyde Boman, Eva Tinsley, Theda Tinsley, Johnnie Carson, Eliza Johnson, Betty Johnson, Goldie Johnson, Edna

Goe. Paid 5 cents: Johnnie Johnson, Rubie Wylie, Andrew Bonan. Charles Johnson paid 25 cents. Total amount, $17.60.

ERIE. Rev. George T. Smith, Pastor. The following persons paid $1 each: Emma Franklin, Martha Gordon, Charles Slow, Charles Franklin, Ida Lawson, Nellie Harden, John Hicks, Harriet Gilbert, Agnes Waller, Jennie Robinson, L H Gussett, John Ditcher, Lizzie Lawson, Mary Green, Mrs Avler. Mrs Sarah Powers paid 75 cents. Mrs Thompson and Lydia Montgomery paid 50 cents each. Florence Burton paid 25 cents. Total, $17.

BELLEVUE. W. H. Frazier, Pastor. The following persons paid $1 each: Singleton Williamson, William Warfield, Edward Ridley. Paid 50 cents; Anna Warfield, Stella Warfield, Matilda Warfield, Mrs Green. Dennis Green paid 25 cents. Total, $5.25.

PLEASANT GREEN. Charles E. Wheeler, Pastor. The following persons paid $1: Robert Ross, Edward Bowman, Isaac Ross, Lucy Ross, Eliott Minnie, Samuel Ross, Jr., Annie Ross, Cappie Brown, Robert C Smith, William Minnie. Harry Ross paid 75 cents. Paid 50 cents: George Dearry, Mary Ross, Harvey Minnie, Lizzie Minnie, Susan Bazier, Aaron Bazier, Joseph Dearry, Cealie Ross, Grant Ross, George Taylor, Samuel Ross, Matilda Ross, James Ross. Paid 20 to 25 cents: Eddie Minnie, Rhody R. Ross, Rebecca Dearry, Floyd Ross, Edith Minnie, David Dearry, Violet Ross, A W Robinson, Johnston Bazier, Annie Ross. Total, $20.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

WHEELING. R. H. Bumry, Pastor. The following person paid $1 each: Lucinda Bradford, Sarah Latterberry, Lula Given, Samuel Jennings, Charles Early, Abbie Jackson, Annie Myers, Clara Jennings, Francis Maston,

Lilly Corsey, Tillie Brodie, James West, Dorcas Norris, Melinda Martin, Martha Winters, Oscar Winters, James H Hogan, William Wood, Jennie Wood, Clarence O Johns, Edward Johnson, Lucy Wood, Levina Banks, Mamie Jennings, Jennie Davis, Julia Johnson, Dora Early, Martha Wililams, Jessie Johnson, Dora Johns, Lucinda West, Bell Barnett, Ira Johns, Lizzie Jackson, James W Davis, Martha Moore, Mattie Weaver, James R Bruein, Julia Q. Bruein, Reuben Norris, Alice Grant, Bessie Grant, Hattie Carpenter, Houstin A Davis, Wilfred Bowie, Ada Fletcher, Elizabeth Jackson, Lucinda Hayes, Annie Robinson, Henry Allengsworth, Lucy Allengsworth, PeterAugustus, Virginia Early, Ada Lewis, Maggie Davis, Nellie Washington, Jennie Bumry, Blanche Harris, James Putnam, Carrie Alexander, Alberta Alexander, Lizzie Winters, Bettie Howard. Paid 50 cents: Lizzie Wallace, Oscar Winters, Jr., John Grant, Mary Anderson, Myers Carpenter. Paid 25 cents: Jessie Howard, Sadie Brown, Lilian Johns. Total, $66.25.

WASHINGTON. D. S. Bentley, Pastor. The following persons paid $1 each: Geo W Durham, Alfred Crockett, Sr., George Cain, Braxton Barber, Timothy Chatman, Jane Chatman, Alfred Crockett, Jr., Minnie L. Crockett, R. H. Baker, Sr., Belle Freeman, Laura Skinner, Maggie Joiner, Clarry Berry, Debby Minor, Robert Price, Samuel Shorters, Elizabeth Shorters, Lawrence Shorters, Elizabeth Henderson, Martha Patterson, Robert J Patterson, Calvin Strouthers, Sarah Derham, Clark Johnson, Sadie A Bentley, Lavina Mosebay, Lydia Walters, Ruth Redman, Thos B Banks, Louis G Mosebay, Mark Willis, Adison Ebbutts, Solomon G Walters, Christopher Patterson, Martha Williamson, Ella Nelson, Lydia Cox, Carrie Miller, Ida Jackson, Emma Kelly, William Green, Jennie Green, Nancy J Mosebay, Julia Caldwell, Sarah Bruce, Anna Banks, Frank Cole, Nettie Nelsen, Mary Mull James E Barber, Amelia Skinner, Rachel Skinner, Elizabeth Skinner, Nellie A Bolden, Hannah Bolden, Mattie Walters,

Margaret Price, Hannah Lane, Francis Howard, Jonathan Davis, Anna Workman, Henry Davis, Abraham Berry, Katie Harris, Ella Mosebay, C W Green, Anna Pearl, John Adams, Sr, Ellen Jackson, Blanche Thomas, Sarah J Golden Anna Smith, Nellie Thomas, Anna Highgate, Anna Greeley, Adam Highgate, Pearl Crockett. Total $72.20.

CANONSBURG, PA. Rev. C, Wright, Pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Maria Latterbery, Abram Latterbery, Eliza Wheeler, C H Hill, Aaron E Randall, Rachel Warfield, M McCooby, George Sluby, Mary Hill, Lew Catlin, Alfred Thomas, Margaret Turner, Hannah Brown, Cornelia Praul, Nathaniel Bush, A W Bush, Moses Bush, Joseph Davis, Alice Harmon, Rachel Wilson, Queen Taylor, Joseph Norman, Sarah Cordeck, Christopher Davis Lucy Davis, Margaret Henderson, Fred Burtlett, John E Harper, Mansfield Brown, Sada Frisby, Alice E Hill, S A Warfield, George Durham, Hanie Durham, Alice Robinson, Maria Jackson, Ezekiel Betts, Jennie Sluby, Susan Terly, William Thomas, S A Wright, L H Wright, Bell Henderson, Annie E Robinson, Pheba Bactor. Mrs M Butcher paid 75 cents. Paid fifty cents: M J Hill, M Patterson, Annie Bush, Jerry Burgess, M A Bush, Ida Patterson, Warner Washington, Sada Morgan, Martha Morgan, Julia Chambers, Sopha Harper, John Wall, Jane Burgess, John Morgan, Jeunie Walls, Thomas Wheeler, M E Wheeler, S W Albert, Jennie Bird, Joseph Butler, Mary Thomas, Catherine Williams, Ruth Brown, Cyrus Brown. Paid 25 cents. Alonzo Marshall, Della Chambers, George Hayden, Annie Hayden. Total, $61.00. Mary Sullivan Maggie Bush Annie Ber

WEST MIDDLETOWN. Rev. J. E. Morris, Pastor. The following paid one dollar: Joseph Humprey, Wm Dunlap, Alice Dunlap, Anna Dunlap, Irene Johnson, Irene Proctor, Alice Proctor, Lina Patterson, Jennie Patterson, Laura Patterson, Annie Patterson, Myrtle Payne, Mary Payne, Jane Kelly, Ceata Bazier, Bird Groom, Catherine Proctor, Elizabeth Fullum, Sarah Proctor, Martha Harris,

BUCHANNON, W. VA. Rev. E. E. Obrient, Pastor. The following paid one dollar each: Daniel Hall, Mrs. Lenora Powell, Mrs Lula Steward, Samuel Madison, Mrs Mary E Rhodes, Mrs Jane Dabney, Mrs Jennie Green. The following paid 50 cents: Mrs Florence Ball, Mrs Susan Madison, Mrs Jennie Burley, Miss Myrtle Munford, Clayborne Powell, Blair Dabney, Marie Dabney, $10.25.

CHARLESTON. Rev. B. A. L. Powell, Pastor. Grant H Jones paid $1.25. Maggie Calhoun paid $1.00. The following paid 50 cents: Nannie Cobbs, Lydia Johnson Ella Laik, W H Male. Mary Lewis paid 75 cents. Total $5.00.

WESTON, W. VA. Rev. S. A. Lewis, Pastor. The following paid one dollar: Jessie Forney, Jackson Lacy, Louise Grant. Paid 50 cents: Minnie Rhea, Jessie Brown, Mary Elza, Lucy Elza. Paid 25 cents: Jane Brown, Bettie Johnson, Hansom Johnson, Mr Morris. Total $6.00.

WELLSBURG, W. Va., C. H. Arnold pastor. Paid fifty cents. C Mashon, Samuel Howard, A Brown. Paid 25 cents. Eliza Jones, P Edwards, John Mashon. Total, $2.50.

BEVERLY AND CASSITY FORK MISSION, W.VA. E. A. Bazier, Pastor. The following paid one dollar. Burtie Rhodes, Lula Brown, Lu Taylor, Mary Stuard, Annie McDowell, Harris Brown, Mary Bruce, Martha Jones, Rachel Tyler. The following paid 50 cents each. Lillie Allen, John Lee, Rachel Lee. The following paid twenty-five cents, Luta Brown, Mollie Wood. By a friend, 25 cts.

At Cassity Fork. The following paid one dollar: Richard Green, Joshua Green, George Green. Paid fifty cents. Dolphin Green, Mary Green, Florence Green, Bill Green. Total, $15.25.

McGOVERN, John Latterbery, pastor. Lizzie B Stephens paid one dollar. The following paid fifty cents. Samuel Dungy, G. Till, M Fitch, Jennie Bnrges, Nellie Brown,

Rebecca Brown. Paid 50 cents: Wm Patterson, Sr, Mrs Wm Patterson, Sr, Mr and Mrs Wm Patterson, Jr, Mattie Patterson, Mattie Danlap, Eva Haden, Bertha Kelly, Rebecca Kelly, Sarah Dempster, Edmonia Harris, Clara Proctor, Kitty Ann Johnson, Emma Wallace, Eliza Proctor 30 cents. Paid 25 cents: Johnny Humphrey, Thomas Dunlap, Phoebe Payne, Stella Patterson, Ida Patterson, Mary Linder, Dennis Linden, Rose Kelly, Margaret Fullum, Jennie Kelly, Irene Morris, Mahulda Morris, J B Green, Annie Green. Total $32.30.

CLARKSBURG. Paid one dollar. Minerva Ashby, Julia Ross, Sophia Lee, Mary Grayson, Julia Beckwarth, L J Robinson, Hettie Wilkerson, Allen Lee, Flora Jiles, Harriett, Page, Edith Smith Agnes Ogden, Eliza Frazier. Mrs Rev Brown paid 75 cents. Paid fifty cents. William Lee, Viona Robinson, James Robinson, Ella Morris, M W Grayson. Paid 25 cents. Charlie Grayson, Jack Robinson. Bessie Martin paid five cents. Total, $17.05.

WAYNESBURG. A. E. Waldon, Pastor. Paid one dollar. Miss Emma Finks, Fanny Syrus, Catherine Workman, Mrs Mattie Brooks, James Workman, A A Bruce, Louis Dyson, Jennie Suttles, J Stewart. Paid 75 cts. Kirby Tate, Walton Brown. Paid fifty cents: Lilie Syrus, Annie Hickey, Annie Bruce, Martha Ferrell, John Strothers, Emma A Baker, Mrs W T Baker. Paid 25 cents. Elizabeth Hickey, Wilber Tate, Miss Martha Stewart. Wm Trees paid thirty cents. Total, $14.05.

MORGANTOWN, PA. Rev. Sandy Christian, Pastor. The following paid $1.00: R L Pickard, Wm Crable, A H Brown, Thomas H Baker, Mrs Harriett Parker, John Rhodes, Mrs John Saunders, J H Hunt, John Edwards, H C Blue, Mrs Sarah Edwards. Paid 50 cents: Mrs Harriett Johnson, Mrs Fannie Miller, Mrs Lewis Ellis, Mrs Emma Collins, Nathan Miller, Mrs Christian, Mrs Martha Holt. Total $15.00.

Robert Brown, Thomas Johns, Lottie Dungy, Thomas Johnson, John Latterberry, James Burges. Total, $6.25.

BLACKSVILLE, W. VA. The following paid 45 cents. Albert Boguss, Elias Davison, Wm H Alford, Wm Ponzue. Following paid 40 cents. Levi Davison, Isaac Alford, Annie Bruce, May Davison. Totol, $3.40.

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 28, 1898.

Traveling exp's of Sec'ry and Agents	$ 241 41	
To transfer of baggage and expressage	13 72	
To rent of office	90 00	
To special remittance of Dollar Money from Norfolk, Va., to Dr. M.M. Moore, Financial Secretary	80 00	
Expenses traveling of General Board.	287 69	
Official printing of office	29 50	
Loans to church, etc	11,614 30	
Donations to church, etc	719 00	
To stamps and postal cards	36 16	
Miscellaneous	23 65	
Telegrams	12 26	
Legal service	2 80	
Salary of the Secretary	1,350 00	
Clerical service general	32 50	
Programs, premiums and clerical services for Children's Day, 1897	482 96	
Dr. Smith on Chil. Day Exp. for '98.	115 29	
Stamps for Children's Day	27 61	
Stationery and merchandise	20 86	
Office furniture	21 00	
Total expenditure for the year		$15,210 71
Balance in Treasury		8,400 61
Grand total,		$23,611 32

GENERAL SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES of the Department by years from its organization.

RECEIPTS.

1892–1893	$ 369 10
1893-1894	11,896 56
1894-1895	11,568 12
1895-1896	12,119 55
1896-1897	14,426 60
1897-1898	17,252 99
Grand Total	$82,080 39

DISBURSEMENTS.

1892-1893	$ 396 10	
1893-1894	10,041 90	
1894-1895	12,052 35	
1895-1896	11,559 08	
1896-1897	14,420 14	
1897-1898	15,210 61	
Grand Total		$63,680 18
Balance in Treasury		8,400 61
Grand Total		$72,080 89

ASSETS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Loans outstanding to Churches	$34,807 09	
To the Publication Department	310 00	
To Allen University, S C	300 00	
To Paul Quinn College, Texas	350 00	
To Payne Theological Seminary, O.	866 00	
Balance due from F. S. 10 per cent, money	533 73	
To interest due on Loans	4,422 66	
Total outstanding		$41,598 48
Balance in Treasury		8,400 61
Grand total		$49,990 09
Liabilities of the Department		500 00
Assets over liabilities		$49,490 09

NUMERICAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—Pittsburg District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Persons Converted.	Accessions.	Members in Charge.	Probationers.	Exhorters.	Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies.	Church Auxiliaries.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Day School Houses.	Seating Capacity of Churches.
Bethel A. M. Church, Wylie Ave.	J. W. Gazaway	54	9	493	85	.....	3	3	1	1	1	.....	750
East End, Pittsburg	W. S. Lowry	20	24	275	15	.....	2	2	4	1	3	.....	700
Williamsport	C. A. Asbury	3	5	179	2	.....	1	2	3	1	1	.....	400
Wilkesbarre	N. R. Palmer	20	21	72	12	.....	4	2	2	1	1	.....	300
Scranton	H. A. Grant	6	10	70	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	1	.....	300
Altoona	W. N. Young	2	4	25	1	.....	.....	2	2	1	0	.....	250
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	3	7	57	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	.....	300
New Haven	J. P. Wallace	.....	6	85	.....	1	1	2	1	1	0	.....	200
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	23	5	48	4	1	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	350
Phillipsburg	Milo S. Jones	7	8	27	.....	.....	2	.....	1	2	.....	.....	300
Bedford	R. M Henderson	4	1	37	.....	.....	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	275
Montrose	J. W. Brown	.....	.....	19	.....	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	275
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	2	2	23	2	.....	1	2	1	1	.....	.....	150
Homestead	H. G. Thomas	5	8	64	4	.....	3	3	2	2	.....	.....	200
Tyrone Mission	A. Smothers	.....	2	16	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	250
Milton Mission	C. N. Butts	1	1	8	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	150
Pittston Mission	J. W. Brown	.....	1	12	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	300
LockHaven Circuit	C. Garner	10	8	39	2	.....	2	2	2	3	.....	.....	600
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	8	1	14	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	200
	Total	157	106	1563	129	6	24	32	26	24	7	.....	6,975

NUMERICAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—Allegheny District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Persons Converted.	Accessions.	Members in Charge.	Probationers.	Exhorters.	Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies,	Church Auxiliaries.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Day School Houses.	Seating Capacity of Churches.
Brown Chapel	R. H Morris	49	75	306	21	1	5	2	12	1	.....	.....	550
Chartiers Allegheny	B H. Lee	4	11	73	8	1	1	2	1	1	1	.....	250
S. S. Pittsburg	J. W. Riley	.....	2	25	3	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	150
Monongahela City	B. Wheeler	10	10	94	7	.....	4	2	4	.....	.....	.....	300
Brownsville	C. A. McGee	48	25	188	21	.....	1	2	6	2	.....	.....	450
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	109	41	201	7	2	1	2	8	1	.....	.....	500
New Brighton	I. B. Till	11	5	64	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	200
Meadville	P. A. Scott	2	2	44	2	2	.....	2	4	1	.....	.....	250
Franklin	S. P. West	1	....	28	3	.....	1	2	1	1	1	.....	300
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	14	12	123	.....	.....	2	2	2	1	1	.....	550
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	15	10	83	6	.....	1	2	6	1	1	.....	200
West Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	2	3	35	2	.....	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	300
Bradford	J. P. Stephens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Newton	T. J. Askew	12	15	51	4	.....	2	4	6	2	.....	.....	350
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	.....	2	22	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	150
Sewickley	H. J. Williams	4	2	22	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	200
McKeesport	D. Newsome	22	11	35	5	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1	.....	200
Belle Vernon	T. A. J. West	1	1	14	1	.....	.....	2	1	1	.....	.....	200
Erie	George Smith	.....	6	29	3	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	200
Olean N. Y	Eli McKnight	5	3	25	1	.....	.....	.....	3	1	1	.....	200
Pleasant Green	Charles E Wheeler	22	22	41	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
Bellevue	W. H. Frazier	.....	.....	7	1	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	311	258	1,450	98	6	19	30	65	21	6	.....	5,400

NUMERICAL STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—Wheeling District.

Stations and Circuits,	Pastors.	Persons Converted.	Accessions.	Members in Charge.	Probationers.	Exhorters.	Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies	Church Auxiliaries.	Churches	Parsonages.	Day School Houses.	Seating Capacity of Churches.
Washington	D. S. Bentley	25	47	200	32	1	1	2	4	1	1	.....	600
Canonsbury	C. Wright	.....	33	163	33	.....	.....	2	6	1	1	.....	250
Wheeling, W. Va	R. H. Bumry	79	61	90	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	300
Waynesburg	A. E. Waldon	21	14	34	5	.....	2	3	1	1	.....	.....	250
Clarksburg	Richard Brown	4	3	49	2	.....	.....	2	2	1	1	.....	250
Morgantown	S. Christian	12	10	40	5	2	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	250
West Middletown	J. E. Morris	23	16	44	4	1	.....	2	2	1	.....	.....	300
Weston Mission	S. A. Lewis	14	8	28	4	.....	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	500
Charleston	B. A. L. Powell	1	4	27	2	1	2	1	1	1	.....	.....	250
McGovern	J. A. Latterberry	1	1	10	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	.....	150
Ceredo Mission	S. B. Morris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Stumptown	L. A. Barber	1	.....	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
Blacksville	W. T. Baker	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beverley	E. R. Bazier	4	3	20	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	200
Wellsburg	C. H. Arnold	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Camp	Pierce Moore	13	10	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	200
Buckhannon	E. E. Obrient	38	43	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	3 0
	Total	276	253	734	99	5	8	18	19	14	6	.....	74,650

MONEY COLLECTED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.---Pittsburg District.

Stations.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Per Cent.	Increase.	Decrease.	Easter.	Woman's Mite Fund.	Allens Day.	Endowment Day.	Payne Theological Sem.	Education in other ways	S.S. Union Childrens Day	Church Ex. Childrens Day	Bible Cause.	Contingent.	Special Missionary.
Wylie Ave, Pittsburg	J W Gazaway	$201 00	40	$11 78	.....	$71 75	$50 00	$10 50	$34 56	$22 44	.....	$17 52	$17 58	$1 56	$4 00	$51 65
Euclid Ave. E. E	W S Lowry	103 00	48	8 75	.....	20 00	71 00	10 50	25 00	40 00	.....	7 72	7 72	1 00	2 00	.....
Williamsport	C Asbury	75 00	48	.....	32 25	13 9	25 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	.....
Wilkesbarre	A. R. Palmer	21 50	28	.....	5 25	5 55	6 30	1 20	5 43	.....	.....	3 00	3 01	31	1 25	.....
Scranton	H. A. Grant	48 00	61	1 00	.....	10 00	1 03	.....	7 00	6 00	3 00	2 60	2 60	50	1 00	.....
Altoona	W. N. Young	22 75	88	.....	6 00	4 00	1 40	1 50	3 00	1 50	.....	1 40	1 40	25	1 00	.....
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	52 15	84	1 40	.....	12 10	5 83	2 50	15 00	7 00	7 50	5 00	5 00	1 00	4 00	.....
New Haven	J. P. Q. Wallace	45 00	48	17 00	.....	11 00	9 74	1 50	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	25	1 00	.....
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	24 00	54	2 00	.....	6 09	2 44	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	25	75	.....
Phillipsburg	M. S. Jones	11 40	44	.....	1 05	2 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Bedford and Everett	R. M. Henderson	8 30	40	.....	4 15	1 00	.....	.....	3 02	.....	.....	3 90	3 90	.....	50	.....
Montrose and Waverly	J W Brown	24 40	1 20	3 25	.....	3 20	6 00	50	2 20	1 50	.....	3 10	3 10	43	50	.....
Greensburg	O, T. Davis	23 25	92	.....	.....	3 00	7 50	1 00	5 00	8 00	.....	1 75	1 75	1 00	1 00	.....
Homestead and Duquesne	H, G. Thomas	30 25	73	13 75	.....	6 25	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	2 72	2 72	25	1 00	.....
Tyrone	Alex Smothers	14 25	94	3 25	.....	7 00	3 00	1 60	5 00	2 00	.....	1 50	1 50	25	75	.....
Milton	C. N. Butts	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	75	75	.....	.....	.....
Lock Haven	Chas. Garner	8 65	26	.....	7 50	1 96	50	.....	5 00	.....	2 25	98	98	.....	50	.....
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	5 00	60	10 00	.....	2 80	.....	.....	8 18	.....	.....	1 03	1 03	.....	25	.....
Ford City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	$719 90	103 8	$72 18	$56 10	$180 70	$192 21	$30 80	$171 39	$88 44	$12 75	$67 47	$63 79	$8 05	$21 00	$51 65

MONEY COLLECTED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.—Allegheny District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Dollar Money	Percent	Increase	Decrease	Ea-ter	Woman's Mite Funds	Allensday	Endowment Day	Payne Theological Sem.	Education in other ways.	S.S. Union Childrens Day	Church Ex. Childrens Day	Bible Cause.	Contingent.	Special Missionary Col.
Browns hapel	R. H. Morris	181 15	51	19 15	.....	32 91	57 25	6 06	42 80	10 52	...	9 00	9 00	1 70	7 00	.....
Charliers	B. H. Lee ..	63 25	94	20 25	.....	2 00	20 89	.....	7 02	3 00	...	3 00	3 00	50	2 00	.....
S. S. Pittsburg	J. W. Riley	22 20	57	8 00	.....	1 47	7 15	.....	2 00	....	.....	24	24	50	75	.....
Monongahela	B. Wheeler	23 00	22	8 50	.....	4 18	3 98	.....	3 62	1 30	.....	1 77	1 78	43	70	.....
Brownsville	C. A. McGee	43 25	43	19 85	.....	10 72	21 23	2 23	11 00	1 00	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	2 50	.....
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	62 25	37	95	.....	13 67	163 44	2 15	10 00	3 50	.....	3 70	3 70	76	1 00	.....
New Brighton	I. B. Till	34 00	65	10 30	.....	.....	6 91	.....	2 58	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	50	1 50	.....
Meadville	P. A. Scott	20 35	49	.....	.....	1 76	2 50	.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	1 25	.....
Franklin	S. P. West	98 25	93	.....	7 00	.....	73	.....	3 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	25	1 00	.....
Oil City and Titusville	G. C. Sampson	71 00	61	6 00	.....	14 50	42 48	4 47	19 70	1 11	.....	3 58	3 58	2 00	2 00	.....
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	41 00	48	13 90	.....	12 00	83 00	.....	19 00	9 55	.....	5 00	5 00	25	2 00	.....
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	21 25	55	50	.....	6 00	3 15	.....	8 13	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	75	1 25	.....
Bradford	J. P. Stephens	20 75	68	65	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	5 56	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 25	.....
Olean, N. Y	E. i McKnight	46 00	89	25	.....	3 60	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	25	1 00	.....
West Newton	F. J. Askew	88 15	67	8 65	.....	7 50	12 23	...	11 00	.....	.....	2 75	2 75	2 25	2 00	.....
Belle Vernon	F. A. J. West	17 60	63	3 00	.....	7 72	3 00	1 00	10 20	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	25	50	.....
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	34 45	.....	7 40	.....	16 00	8 10	.....	3 20	.....	.....	85	85	50	1 50	5 40
Sewickley	H. J. Williams	16 00	56	.....	5 50	3 00	50	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 67	1 67	50	1 00	.....
McKeesport	D. Newsome	21 00	72	.....	.....	8 12	12 51	1 00	8 28	1 00	....	2 35	2 35	2 70	1 00	.....
Erie	G. T. Smith	17 60	29	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	50 00	50	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belleview	W. H. Frazier	5 25	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	787 15	115 9	$141 95	$12 50	$158 15	$402 06	$17 82	$161 61	$34 98	$1 50	$48 91	$48 92	$15 14	$31 20	$5 40

MONEYS COLLECTED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.---Wheeling District.

Districts and Circuits.	Pastors.	Dollar Money.	Per Cent.	Increase.	Decrease.	Easter.	Woman's Mite Fund.	Allens Day.	Endowment Day.	Payne Theological Sem.	Education in other ways	S.S. Union Childrens Day	Church Ex. Childrens Day	Bible Cause.	Contingent.	Special Missionary Col.
Wheeling	R H Bumry	66 25	.....	15 25	.....	16 00	16 00	2 50	14 00	8 00	.....	6 50	6 50	50	2 00	.....
Washington	D.S. Bentley	71 20	47	6 70	.....	17 60	26 11	3 00	7 95	1 00	.....	5 25	5 25	1 00	3 00	.....
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	61 00	88	1 00	.....	34 76	33 0	.....	7 97	1 00	.....	5 25	5 25	1 00	54 00	.....
Waynesburg	A. E. Waldon	15 55	55	55	.....	9 20	5 20	2 20	2 80	.....	.....	2 98	2 98	.....	50	.....
Clarksburg	Richard Brown	57 05	28	4 05	.....	7 08	2 16	.....	2 07	.....	.....	1 29	1 29	1 10	1 50	.....
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	15 00	52	8 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 55	1 55	50	2 00	$4 00
Weston	S. A. Lewis	6 00	27	.....	4 00	2 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Middletown	J. E. Morris	32 30	.....	21 30	.....	5 68	3 50	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	10	25	.....
McGovern	J. Latterberry	6 25	98	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75	.....	25	.....
Beverly	E. R. Bazier	15 25	36	15 25	.....	2 60	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	.....
Seredo	S. B. Morris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston	B. A. Powell	5 00	29	.....	2 75	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wellsburg	C H. Arnold	2 25	15	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
Indian Camp	Pierce Moore	2 55	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stout's Mills	L. A. Barber	3 00	38	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	25	.....	10	.....
Parkersburg	.....	1 20	11	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckhannon	E. E. Obrient	10 50	24	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blacksville	W. T. Baker	3 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	$233 75	437	$85 5	$14 25	$97 60	$86 97	$9 70	$39 87	$5 00	.....	$26 25	$25 32	$4 45	$64 35	$4 00

MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES—Pittsburg District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Pastor's Support.	P. E. Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	P. E. Traveling Expenses.	Purchasing and Repairing of Building.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	For Charitable Purposes.	From Church Extention by Loan.	Total for all Purposes.
Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wylie	J. W. Gazaway	$1,240 00	$180 00	$	$ 1 00	$ 3 00	$1,050 00	$ 25 00	$2 00		$ 6,721 58
East End	W. S. Lowry	1,100 00	86 60		5 00	1,765 50	31 00	15 00	50 00		3,232 35
Williamsport	C. Asbury	750 00	88 00		4 00	350 00	180 00	760 0	6 50		2,1.8 50
Wilkesbarre	A. R. Palmer	510 30	24 06			704 58	51 00	5 14	7 00		1,379 62
Scranton	H. A. Grant	700 00	48 00		3 80	433 80	159 00	35 00	24 00		1,587 90
Altoona	W. N. Young	2 15	36 00			260 73	198 00	1 00	15 00		564 93
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	556 85	76 00	12 57		341 62	99 00	31 33	26 05		1,173 70
New Haven	J. P. Q. Wallace	677 00	40 00	11 18	3 50	27 28	172 46	20 50	10 00		1,059 11
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	400 00	28 60	6 00	89	229 50	40 00	31 98	3 25		804 69
Phillipsburg	M. S. Jones	290 50	32 00		5 00	350 98	53 00	48 01	5 00		845 65
Montrose	J. W. Brown	206 11	26 35	37 61	3 06		21 68	3 42			338 69
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	260 46	32 00		4 00		79 04	24 93			442 78
Tyrone	A. Smothers	290 75	15 00	7 50		175 47	33 45	7 40	8 00		636 57
Homestead	H. G. Thomas	400 00	50 00	10 75	4 00	375 77	125 00	30 23	10 25		979 23
Milton Mission	C. Butts	69 98	11 23	11 20	1 50	5 00	16 00	3 00	2 00		107 70
W. Pittston	J. W. Brown	49 00	12 00	16 10	1 20		53 89				143 21
Lock Haven	C. Garner	185 40	25 80	2 00	2 00						215 22
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	93 50	14 00	4 00	3 00	12 00	34 8	14 00	6 00		181 39
Ford City	F. E. Bawser	20 00		9 60		40 00	130 00				2.9 10
Bedford and Everett	R. M. Henderson	120 56	13 77	10 00	4 0	132 60	21 80	29 95	19 65		358 51
	Total	$7,926 27	$803 86	$131 53	$41 95	$5,563 88	$3,4 5 12	$1,110 36	$292 70		$22,984 15

MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES.—Allegheny District.

Stations and Circuits.	District.	Pastor's Support.	P. E. Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	P. E. Traveling Expenses	Purchasing and Repairing of Buildings.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	For Charitable Purposes.	From Church Extention by Loan.	Total for all Purposes
Brown's Chapel	R. H. Morris	$1,100 00	$24 00	$.....	$.....	$ 210 32	$ 414 25	$ 8 22	$114 80	.....	$ 2,988 24
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	630 45	60 00	.....	4 35	235 25	439 44	4 25	20 93	.....	1,558 68
S. S. Pittsburg	J. W. Riley	328 87	33 00	2 00	3 40	35 00	107 67	2 30	.....	.....	511 87
Monongahela	B. Wheeler	769 88	36 00	.....	3 00	333 47	50 14	1 55	2 30	.....	806 15
Brownsville	C. A. McGee	476 00	60 00	10 00	5 00	475 72	264 13	25 19	32 84	.....	1,441 69
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	863 00	48 00	.....	5 65	802 84	121 46	46 50	11 75	.....	2,287 02
New Brighton	I. B. Tull	436 22	48 00	.....	80	.....	141 37	.....	1 21	.....	672 17
Meadville	P. A. Scott	456 45	40 00	.....	4 85	100 00	94 76	12 34	16 24	.....	732 55
Franklin	S. P. West	408 00	32 00	32 00	8 40	.....	83 33	1 30	1 25	.....	566 28
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	800 00	60 00	.....	11 91	247 99	25 00	10 00	10 50	.....	1,148 22
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	599 00	44 00	5 20	4 00	.....	212 50	82 00	12 00	.....	1,067 50
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	327 55	36 00	.....	2 00	51 75	88 12	1 00	3 52	.....	554 22
Bradford	J. P. Stephens	187 00	24 00	46 00	8 60	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	721 44
Olean	Eli McKnight	422 00	32 00	67 00	8 00	.....	112 15	.....	.....	.....	692 44
West Newton	T. J. Askew	440 00	40 00	.....	3 40	195 53	5 00	50	16 50	.....	846 12
Bellvernon	T. A. J. West	602 08	28 00	.....	.....	1,113 69	618 50	97 92	2 80	.....	1,023 12
Belleview	W. H. Frazier	15 80	12 25	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 30	.....	95 23
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	220 00	16 00	.....	4 00	120 00	60 00	15 00	4 00	.....	516 35
Sewickley	H. J. Williams	236 48	20 00	.....	3 50	1 50	151 00	18 00	9 60	.....	328 45
McKeesport	D. Newsome	575 59	42 00	.....	.....	250 50	20 00	5 00	19 00	.....	1,029 64
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	307 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	43 09	9 00	4 00	.....	409 29
Erie	G. T. Smith	689 37	40 89	4 80	41 80	10 00	34 50	.....	35 00	.....	781 00
	Total	$9,797 13	$966 24	$ 43 05	$19 04	$4,160 59	$1,855 77	$ 341 07	$326 10	.....	$20,251 59

MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES.—Wheeling District.

Stations and Circuits.	District.	Pastor's Support.	P. E Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	P. E. Traveling Expenses	Purchasing and Repairing of Buildings.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	For Charitable Purposes.	From Church Extention by Loan.	Total for all Purposes.
Wheeling, W. Va	R. H. Bumry	$ 600 00	$ 40 00	$	$48 00	$ 670 14	$ 183 04	$ 6 42	$ 10 92	$	$ 1,691 77
Washington	D. S. Bentley	950 00	80 00	.....	.....	49 01	386 04	101 61	19 42	.....	1,586 08
Canonsbury	C. Wright	650 00	60 00	.....	22 15	528 89	150 51	5 00	19 61	....	1,732 72
Waynesburg	A. E. Waldon	287 61	39 60	.....	.....	87 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 08
Clarksburg	Richard Brown	388 74	40 52	.....	.....	177 25	39 83	.....	6 43	.....	711 78
Morgantown	S. Christian	168 36	21 50	.....	10 00	122 50	127 50	.....	11 90	25 00	383 86
Weston Mission	S. A. Lewis	114 22	32 35	31 00	....	121 00	17 44	9 16	3 15	.....	329 32
West Middletown	J. E. Morris	240 00	24 80	12 00	8 00	75 00	100 00	1 50	5 00	.....	450 73
McGovern	J. A. Latterberry	14 00	10 00	.....	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 20
Beverley	E. R. Bazier	25 40	15 60	23 00	.....	105 60	100 00	46 25	1 00	.....	368 15
Ceredo Mission	S. B. Morris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stumptown	L. A. Barber	68 83	6 00	.....	.....	231 30	15 00	.....	.....	.....	339 73
Indian Camp	Pierce Moore	56 00	13 18	4 85	.....	90 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 98
Blacksville	W. T. Baker	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Buckhannon	E. E. Obrient	53 77	16 65	7 01	.....	220 65	28 00	.....	.....	50 00	339 26
Wellsburg	C. H. Arnold	89 15	8 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	130 86
Charleston	B. A. L. Powell	60 45	21 53	.....	.....	.....	67 75	68 45	.....	2,700 00	2,830 87
	Total	$3,768 53	$430 20	$ 83 86	$90 55	$2,389 08	$1,207 11	$ 238 39	$ 80 03	$2 775 00	$11,821 33

SUNDAY SCHOOL NUMERICAL STATISTICS—Pittsburg District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	Sunday Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Bibles.	Hymn Books.	Lesson Helps Taken Quarterly.	Missionary Society.	Temperance Society.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness of Charge.	Balance in Steward's Treasury.	Balance in Trustees' Treasury.
Bethel A. M. E. Church, Wylie	J. W. Gazaway	1	6	21	289	9	625	0	0	0	1	1	$11,000 00	$ 273 64	$8 98	$164 25
East End	W. S. Lowry	1	7	7	100	5	100	100	40	120	1	1	30,000 00	10,700 00	0	.....
Williamsport	C. Asbury	1	8	13	115	1	100	12	36	112	1	1	15,200 00	1,970 00	.....	.....
Wilkesbarre	A. R. Palmer	1	5	6	40	3	248	12	20	0	2	0	8,000 00	1,662 00	....	50 00
Scranton	H. A. Grant	1	5	7	44	0	500	50	20	24	1	1	8,000 00	403 76	.....	15 00
Altoona	W. N. Young	1	9	3	25	0	115	25	24	44	1	0	9,000 00	400 00	....	5 00
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	1	8	6	50	3	111	12	13	8	2	0	1,855 00	48 69	.....	.....
New Haven	J. P. Q. Wallace	1	6	3	60	0	37	0	12	60	1	0	3,500 00	9 00	74	5 41
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	1	5	3	27	4	100	12	8	30	1	0	4,000 00	780 00	0	.....
Phillipsburg	M. S. Jones	2	6	5	50	0	100	5	20	50	0	..	3,000 00	250 00	0	.....
Montrose	J. W. Brown	1	4	2	16	2	60	12	14	12	0	..	2,000 00	39 00	....	39 00
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	1	5	3	35	2	125	12	24	40	2	..	1,500 00	31 95	....	1 00
Tyrone	A. Smothers	1	8	6	30	0	184	30	25	36	1	..	3,000 00	1,266 37	....	1 14
Homestead	H. G. Thomas	2	8	7	45	1	63	10	24	36	2	..	5,800 00	11 35	....	23 25
Milton Mission	C. Butts	1	4	2	18	0	140	8	12	24	1	..	800 00	9 00	....	2 00
W. Pittston	C. Garner	3	16	9	64	3	227	16	30	59	2	..	2,000 00	16 85	....	.....
Lock Haven	J. W. Brown	1	4	2	85	0	20	4	6	20	0	..	.....	.....	....	.....
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	1	7	7	75	3	100	0	30	80	1	1	1,000 00	23 00	....	1 50
Ford City	F. E. Bawser	1	3	3	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	3 00	....	40 00
Bedford and Everett	R. M. Henderson	2	8	7	30	0	100	45	52	80	1	..	2,716 60	270 00	....	.....
	Total	25	132	122	1,166	46	3,002	365	410	765	21	5	$211,355 00	$18,573 46	$9 72	$347 54

SUNDAY SCHOOL NUMERICAL STATISTICS—Allegheny District.

Stations and Circuits,	Pastors.	Sunday School.	Officers.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Bibles.	Hymn Books.	Lesson Helps Taken Quarterly.	Missionary Society.	Temperance Society.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness of Charge.	Balance in Stewards' Treasury.	Balance in Trustees' Treasury.
Brown's Chapel	R. H. Morris	1	9	2	25	10	205	10	30	10	1	1	$ 2,000 00	$ 1,000 00	$ 8	$ 12
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	1	6	6	60	6	210	50	80	100	1		4,000 00	1,467 [illegible]		1 25
S. S. Pittsburg	J. W. Riley	1	2	2	25	0	150	25	15	25	0		2,000 00			
Monongahela	B. Wheeler	1	7	5	6	10	44	25	12	7		1	1,500 00	3,000 00		1 87
Brownsville	C. A. McGee	2	13	15	125	10	225	35	50	12	1	0	3,000 00			2 00
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	2	8	11	86	21	250	80	25	10	2	1	12,000 00	5,000 00		25 00
New Brighton	I. B. Tilt	1	4	0	60	25	200	60	0	0	0	0	2,000 00	575 00		
Meadville	P. A. Scott	1	7	6	39	0	300	40	2	41	1	1	2,000 00	500 00		
Franklin	S. P. West	1	6	6	61	0	43	24	24	24	1	0	1,500 00	100 00		5 85
Oil City	G. C. Sampson	2	11	10	94	11	550	25	52	70	2	0	6,000 00	65 54	10 00	3 00
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	1	7	7	102	1	117	36	56	65	1	1	2,500 00	98 [illegible]	2 00	
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris	1	5	4	25	0	250	25	30	25	1	1	1,600 00	500 00		
Bradford	J. F. Stephens	1	6	5	38	0	70	12	30	45	0	0	1,500 00			5 00
Olean	Eli McKnight	1	1	2	35	0	45	5	25	20	1	0	2,000 00	65 00		
West Newton	T. J. Askew	2	14	8	40	2	108	18	48	43	2	1	5,000 00	20 00		
Belleview	W. H. Frazier	1	5	6	25	0	25	16	20	25	0	0			1 50	
Charleroi	G. W. Webster	1	5	8	53	0	20	1	16	0	1	0	1,700 00	200 00	2 00	5 00
Sewickley	H. J. Williams	1	6	4	39	5	212	22	190	48	2	0	1,800 00	330 00		
McKeesport	O. Newsome	1	5	5	41	1	160	10	12	10	1	0	2,200 00	817 76		
Bellvernon	T. A. J. West	1	3	4	28	1	0	11	1	3	1	0	2,000 00	618 50		
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	1	3	4	31	0	87	8	12	0	0	0	1,200 00	50 00		3 00
Erie	G. T. Smith	1	8	15	63	0	200	50	26	25	0	0	2,500 00	102 00		12 50
	Total	26	168	156	1,411	97	3,411	625	748	1,113	20	7	$ 91,200 00	$15,013 80	$31 36	$90 19

SUNDAY SCHOOL NUMERICAL STATISTICS---Wheeling District.

Districts and Circuits.	Pastors.	Sunday Schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library.	Bibles.	Hymn Books.	Lesson Helps Taken Quarterly.	Missionary Society.	Temperance Society.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness of Charge.	Balance in Steward's Treasury.	Balance in Trustees' Treasury.
Wheeling	R H Bumry	1	5	5	52	4	258	45	20	25	1	0	$10,250 00	$ 10 00	$....	$.....
Washington	D. S. Bentley	1	8	17	151	6	250	0	0	19	1	0	15,000 00	160 11	....	19 21
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	1	11	11	150	30	350	40	36	100	2	0	6,000 00	80 17	....	145 89
Waynesburg	A. E. Waldon	1	4	6	45	6	250	15	50	0	3	0	35 00	141 93	....	89 59
Clarksburg	Richard Brown	1	6	4	22	0	85	14	33	35	0	0	2,001 00	900 00	....	.....
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	1	4	5	25	12	24	0	6	61	1	1	1,130 00	.....	....	.....
Weston	S. A. Lewis	1	8	7	60	3	51	0	18	50	0	0	3,525 00	800 09	....	48 00
West Middletown	J. E. Morris	2	7	5	65	12	166	0	0	85	1	0	1,000 00	20 00	....	10 00
McGovern	J. Latterberry	1	3	2	20	0	20	5	14	0	0	0	.....	.....	....	.....
Seredo	S. B. Morris	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	59 00	....	.....
Charleston	B. A. L. Powell	1	3	2	2	0	8	1	6	4	0	0	6,000 00	3,600 50	....	480 00
Indian Camp	Pierce Moore	1	5	3	13	10	36	0	10	13	0	0	200 00	0	....	.....
Buckhannon	E. E. Obrient	1	5	4	37	16	60	0	12	35	1	0	900 00	375 00	....	16 00
Blacksville	W. T. Baker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wellsburg	C. H. Arnold	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	....	.....
Beverly	E. R. Bazier	2	8	3	30	4	12	0	24	25	1	0	1,000 00	1 50	2 00	6 00
	Total	15	77	80	622	103	1,570	120	229	403	11	1	$47,050 00	$6,118 21	$2 00	$812 69

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.—Pittsburg District.

Stations.	Pastors.	Support of Sunday School.	For All Missions by Sunday Schools.	Educational Funds by Sunday School.	Sunday School Union by Sunday School.	Church Extension by Sunday School.	Total Collected by Sunday School	Value of Sunday School Property	Indebtedness of Sunday School.	Balance in S. S. Treasury.	No. of Allen Endeavor Societies.	Amt. Collected by the Society.	Number in Society.	Christian Recorders Taken.	Southern Recorders Taken.	Quarterly Reviews Taken.	Voice of Missions Taken.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Marriages.	Deaths.
i Ave, Pittsburg	J W Gazaway	25 59	10 00	5 01	4 50	4 00	298 50	200 00	....	26 36	1	18 00	67	12	12	3	10	7	9	12	30
Euclid Ave. E. E	W S Lowry	60 00	15 00	5 00	....	....	82 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	2	10	7	10	....	....
Williamsport	C Asbury	60 00	38 09	17 00	5 00	5 00	125 04	25 00	3 90	2 81	....	....	....	12	1	1	....	10	1	1	8
Wilkesbarre	A. R. Palmer	43 84	1 25	1 01	26	27	46 63	100 00	....	2 00	1	1 50	26	2	1	2	10	1	13	7	4
Scranton	H. A. Grant	35 99	4 00	3 00	2 60	....	38 99	100 00	....	91	....	....	....	6	....	1	1	3	6	4	5
Altoona	W. N. Young	5 00	6 50	2 00	1 40	1 40	16 30	....	....	2 00	....	....	....	1	1	1	1	....	4	1	6
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	....	12 28	6 79	5 00	5 00	72 47	1 35	....	70	1	8 31	43	6	....	1	1	....	3	2	1
New Haven	J. P. Q. Wallace	16 00	10 71	6 38	3 50	3 50	40 14	10 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	1	....	4	1	1
Braddock	S. C. Honesty	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	40	....	2 00	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	8	2	....	2
Philipsburg	M. S. Jones	20 55	....	....	....	....	26 07	....	....	5 41	1	1 07	....	....	....	....	....	2	2	8	1
Bedford and Everett	R. M. Henderson	....	54 00	7 00	....	....	14 82	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	1	1	9	1	2
Montrose and Waverly	J W Brown	1 93	....	35	40	40	3 08	30 00	....	48	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	1	0	....	....
Greensburg	O. T. Davis	....	4 10	1 00	1 75	1 75	11 25	10 00	....	1 25	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
Homestead and Duquesne.	H. G. Thomas	48 60	1 00	....	....	....	49 60	35 00	....	7 80	1	....	....	2	1	1	2	....	....	1	1
Tyrone	Alex Smothers	43 17	3 18	2 05	1 45	55	52 40	75 00	....	1 75	1	1 60	16	1	....	1	....	1	1	3	4
Milton	C. N. Butts	....	....	....	4 40	40	9 30	....	....	1 40	1	1 80	14	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	....
Lock Haven	Chas. Garner	6 35	1 89	5 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	69 86	14 00	....	1 10	1 03	85 93	75 00	....	12 84	1	4 15	25	1	....	1	1	2	2	1	1
Pittston Mission	J. W Brown	1 97	....	35	40	40	3 08	30 00	....	40	....	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	1	....	....
Ford City	F E Bowser	1 90	....	....	....	....	1 90	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Knoxville Mission	J W Gazaway	....	....	....	....	....	5 66	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total		440 82	173 00	62 94	69	24 10	896 56	691 75	3 90	68 35	8	36 43	186 59	17	19	40	43	74	46	66	

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.—Allegheny District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	For Support of Sunday School.	For All Missions by Sun. School.	Educational Funds by Sunday School.	Sunday School Union by Sunday School.	Church Extension by Sunday School.	Total Collected by Sunday School	Value of Sunday School Property	Indebtedness of Sunday School.	Balance in Sunday School Treasury.	No. Altoona Endeavor Societies.	Amt. Collected by the Society.	No. in Society.	Persons in Recorders Taken.	Members Received.	Members Dismissed.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Births.
Browns Chapel	E. H. Morris	371 18		21 90			393 08	1 0 00		1 8 19	1	186	13	14					
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	18 33	6 62	7 02	3 00	3 00	68 81	50 00						3					
S. S. Pittsburg	J. W. Riley	9 10	27	23	24	24	10 58	45 00		61 00				1	1	1	1	1	2
Monongahela	B. Wheeler	18 71	4 18	72	77	77	19 71	15 00		2 77								3	6
Brownsville	C. A. McCoy	62 17	11 15	7 15	1 00	1 00	82 47	100 00			1	4 00	35	3		1	10		14
Uniontown	J. W. Jeffries	58 22	3 77	6 12	3 80	3 75	80 91	110 25		3 86	2	7 65	72	1	2	1	8	2	1
New Brighton	I. B. Till																		
Meadville	P. A. Scott	14 51	2 76		30	1 00	18 27	46 00		8 50				3	1	1	2	5	1
Franklin	S. P. West	14 01	1 74	2 40	1 00	1 00	39 41	35 00		7 67	1	43 85	14	1	1		2		
Oil City and Titusville	G. C. Sampson	35 30	17 97	79 70	2 03	2 00	77 17	125 00		11 37				1	1		1	1	
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	29 56	14 00	7 50	3 50	3 80	78 11	118 00	7 95	1 81	2	13 75	57	2		1	2	1	1
Bridgewater	J. J. Norris																		
Bradford	J. P. Stephens		6 21	5 30	2 50	2 50		20 00		6 75			5						
West Newton	T. J. Askew	30 50	7 50	6 00	1 00	1 00	85 00	250 00		12 00			1	1	2	11			
Charleroi	G. W. Webster																		
Sewickley	H. J. W. Iliams			1 94	67	67	23 24	25 00		2 00	1	4 26	35	2					
McKeesport	D. Newsome	5 70	6 00	2 25	1 00	1 00	20 00	25 00		1 35			11	2	1	2	6	1	
Belle Vernon	T. A. J. West	11 52		5 0	2 50	2 50	29 24	45 00	31 60	2 00	1	8 16	17	1		7			3
Erie	G. T. Smith		1 60												1		1		2
Olean, N. Y.	E. J. McKnight	9 72	2 00		1 60	1 00	13 72			3 00			17			3	1	2	1
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	7 00					7 85			8 50	1	39				3			
Belleview	W. H. Frazier						64 74	50 00	5 00	1 35									
	Total	$728 63	$85 37	$153 03	$24 98	$25 27	$1082 73	$1509 25	$43 95	$601 73	11	$229 99	427	70	15	11	38	30	38	5

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATISTICS.---Wheeling District.

Stations and Circuits.	Pastors.	For Support of Sunday School.	For all Missions by Sunday School.	Educational Funds by Sunday School	Sunday School Union by Sunday School.	Church Extension by Sunday School.	Total Collection by Sunday School.	Value of Sunday School Property.	Indebtedness of Sunday School.	Balance in Sunday School Treasury.	No. Attending Sunday School.	Amt. Given by the Society.	No. Officers.	Officers Elected.	Scholars Enrolled.	Scholars Taken.	Scholars Received Baptism.	Scholars Received Reviews Taken.	Value of Missions Taken.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Marriages.	Deaths.
Washington	D. S. Beazley	$15	$2	$	$	$	$	$1	$	$	$	$												
Cannonsburg	C. Wright	12 00	16 65	5 9	5 25	5 25	40																	
Wheeling	R. H. Bumry		6		1	1	3			6 9														
Waynesburg	A. E. Walden		5 21		2	2	10			2 8														
Clarkesburg	Richard Brown	25 62	1 12	1 00			25																	
Morgantown	Sandy Christian						30																	
West Middleton	J. E. Morris																							
Weston Mission	S. A. Lewis																							
Charleston	B. A. L. Powell	7 51			6		5																	
McGovern	J. A. Latterberry	5 00		1 00																				
Steedo Mission	S. B. Morris																							
Stumptown	L. A. Barber																							
Blacksville	W. T. Baker																							
Beverly	E. R. Bazier																							
Parkersburg																								
Wellsburg	C. H. Arnold																							
Indian Camp	Pierce Moore																							
Buckhannan	C. C. O'Brien	6 99		1 55	1 50		8 79																	
	Total	$190 30	$49 57	$16 10	$11 80	$9 91	$240 25	$8	$	$5 03	$	$												

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CHARLES J. POWELL, MOSES L. NETTLES, DANIEL NEWSOM,
JOHN W. HAYES, LEVIN V. JONES, JOHN A. LOTTERBURY
GEORGE T. SMITH, CHARLES E. WHEELER, M. P. COLE.

Traveling Preachers.

CHARLES ADISON, JOHN W. AMISS, A. C. HAYES.

Local Elders.

GEORGE B. KNOX, SYLVESTER BURRELL.

Local Deacons.

J. L. GRIFFITH, PAGE W. DOUSE, REUBEN H. BAKER,
PETER BOWMAN, B. D., JAMES BRUEN.

Supplies.

CHARLES H. ARNOLD, D. K. DAVIS,
PIERCE MOORE, E. E. O'BRIENT.

Committees for 1900.

Admission—S. P. West, Richard Brown, T. A. Green.

First Year Studies—D. F. Caliman, J. W. Jeffries, I. B. Till, B. D.

Second Year Studies—D. S. Bentley, D. D., W. H. Brown, R. H. Morris.

Third Year Studies—J. W. Gazaway, D. D., W. H. Palmer, M. D., G. G. Skinner.

Fourth Year Studies—C. Asbury, D. D., W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson.

State of Country—Condition of Afro-Americans—J. W. Gazaway, D. D., R. H Morris, D. F. Caliman.

Temperance—C. Wright, J. P. Stephens, S. Christian.

Bible Cause—G. W. Webster, Eli McKnight, J. E. Morris.

Seminary Students—The Presiding Elders.

Resolutions—H. A. Grant, B. Wheeler, R. H. Bumry.

Re-arrangement of the Work—The Presiding Elders and W. H. Brown.

Presiding Elders' Support—G. G. Skinner, W. S. Lowry, M. S. Jones.

Memoirs—R. H. Morris, J. W. Jeffries, C. Wright.

Endowment Funds—G. C. Sampson, Richard Brown, S. B. Morris.

Wilberforce University—J. W. Gazaway, D. D., W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, D. D.

Payne Seminary—W. S. Lowry, R. H. Morris, S. P. West.

Church Extension—D. S. Bentley, D. D., I. B. Till, B. D., B. H. Lee.

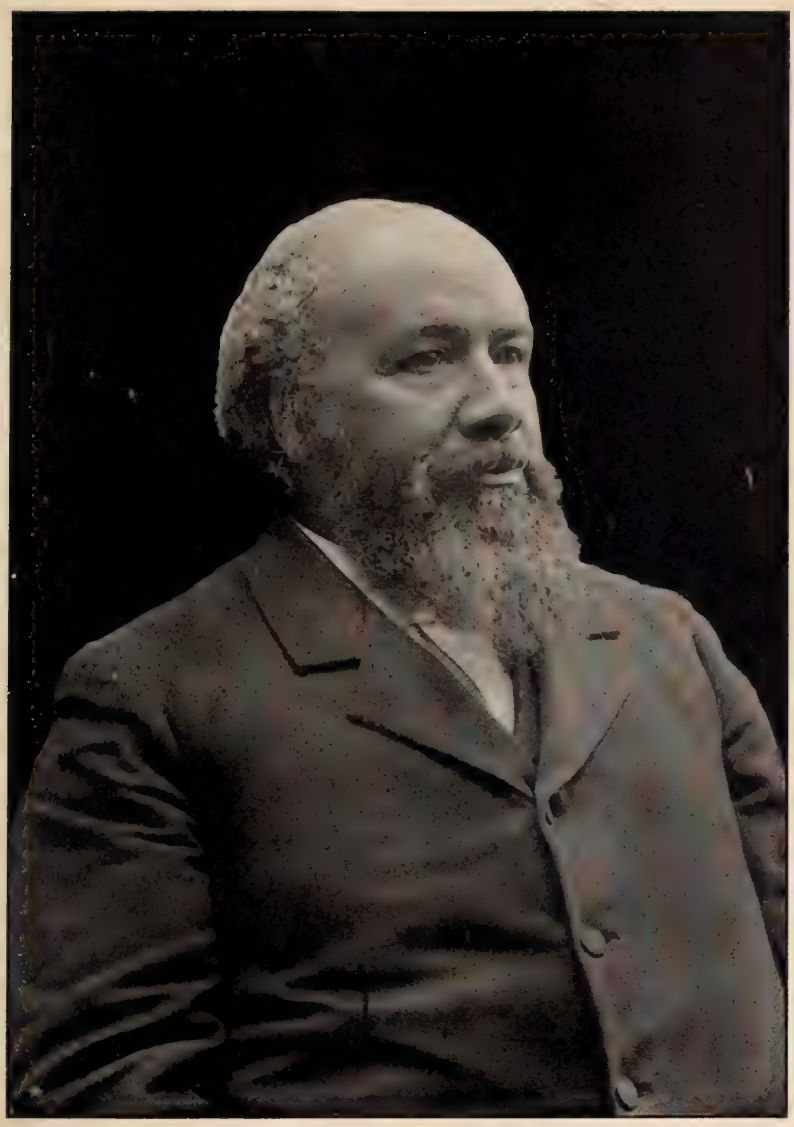
Sunday-school Union—S. A. Lewis, J. S. Eaton, H. J. Williams.

Woman's Mite Fund—B. A. L. Powell, W. H. Palmer, M. D., C. Garner.

Easter Funds—W. N. Young, S. C. Honesty, J. M. Wilkes.

Sunday-school Mission Fund—J. W. Riley, G. T. Smith, A. E. Walden.

Public Worship and Programs—B. Wheeler, D. F. Caliman, C. A. McGee, J. W. Gazaway, D. D.



BISHOP BENJAMIN F. LEE, D. D.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 12, 1899.

The thirty-second session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church convened at 10 o'clock, at the above time and place, Bishop Benjamin F. Lee, D. D., presiding.

Conference opened by singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and Rev. W. H. Brown led in prayer. Rev. John W. Riley read, as the Scripture lesson, Isa. 40:1-13. Rev. A. Smothers announced Hymn 295, "And are we yet alive," which the Conference sang, and Rev. Daniel Newsom led in prayer. Bishop Lee read, as the second Scripture lesson, 2 Cor.: 10, and the Conference sang "Jesus keep me near the cross."

Bishop Lee introduced Rev. Charles A. McGee, Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, who preached the annual sermon from the text, John 17:18, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world." Prayer was offered by Rev S. C. Honesty, and "Meet me there" was sung by the Conference.

The sacrament was administered to the members,—the elements being consecrated by Rev. W. H. Brown.

The conference roll was called and corrected, and the transfers of Revs. J. H. Grant and J. M. Gilmere, from the North Ohio Conference, were announced by the Bishop.

P. A. Scott, of Oil City, was reelected Recording Secretary; S. P. West, of Monongahela, Engrossing Clerk; and T. J. Askew, of Pittsburg, Statistician. G. T. Smith and J. W. Brown were elected ushers. By motion, the sixth seat was made the bar of the conference.

H. A. Grant was elected correspondent to *The Christian Recorder;* J. P. Q. Wallace, to the *Southern Recorder;* and J. E. Morris, to the *Voice of Missions.*

The Conference adopted the official program arranged by Bishop Lee, with necessary amendments.

Revs. J. H. Jones, D. D., of the Ohio Conference, L. W. White, of the North Ohio Conference, and T. W. Henderson, D. D., General Manager of the A. M. E. Publishing House, Philadelphia, were introduced to the Conference.

The following committees were appointed by the Bishop:

Standing Committees.

ADMISSION—J. P. Q. Wallace, S. P. West, Richard Brown.

FIRST YEAR STUDIES—D. F. Caliman, J. W. Jeffries, I. B. Till.

SECOND YEAR STUDIES—D. S. Bentley, W. H. Brown, R. H. Morris.

THIRD YEAR STUDIES—J. W. Gazaway, W. H. Palmer, G. G. Skinner.

FOURTH YEAR STUDIES—C. Asbury, W. S. Lowry, G. C. Sampson.

STATE OF COUNTRY—Condition of Afro-Americans—J. W. Gazaway, R. H. Morris, D. F. Caliman.

TEMPERANCE—J. P. Stephens, D. Newsom, Sandy Christian.

BIBLE CAUSE—G. W. Webster, Eli McKnight, J. E. Morris.

SEMINARY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS—The Presiding Elders and R. M. Henderson.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY—W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, J. W. Gazaway.

PAYNE SEMINARY—J. P. Q. Wallace, S. P. West, A. E. Walden.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS—G. C. Sampson, J. W. Riley, S. B. Morris.

RESOLUTIONS—R. H. Bumry, H. A. Grant, B. Wheeler.

REARRANGEMENT OF THE WORK—Presiding Elders and C. Asbury.

PRESIDING ELDERS' SUPPORT—G. G. Skinner, W. S. Lowry, M. S. Jones.

MEMOIRS—R. H. Morris, J. W. Jeffries, Carter Wright.

CHURCH EXTENSION—D. S. Bentley, I. B. Till, B. H. Lee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION—S. A. Lewis, J. S. Eaton, H. J. Williams.

WOMAN'S MITE MISSIONARY FUNDS—B. A. L. Powell, J. W. Brown, C. N. Butts.

Easter Funds—W. N. Young, G. T. Smith, Chas. Garner.
Sunday-school Missionary Funds—O. T. Davis, E. R. Bazier, F. E. Bowser.
Public Worship—Presiding Elders and T. A. Green.
Allen Day Funds—A. Smothers, H. G. Thomas, J. J. Norris.
Observance of Sabbath—C. A. McGee, M. P. Cole, J. H. Grant.
Dollar Money—B. H. Lee, G. G. Skinner, T. A. Green.
Contingent Funds—T. J. Askew, T. A. J. West, T. J. Simmons.
Finance—R. H. Bumry, J. W. Jeffries, W. S. Lowry.
Appropriations—A. E. Walden, S. C. Honesty, C. J. Powell.

Conference adjourned with Doxology, and benediction by Rev. L. W. White.

Afternoon Session.

At 2:30 o'clock Conference reassembled, with Bishop Lee in the chair. Bro. A. C. Hayes conducted the devotional exercises, singing Hymn 297, "Let Zion's watchmen all awake," and led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the financial reports of pastors were read, all churches reporting except Greensburg, Bloomsburg, Lockhaven, Erie, and Brownsville.

The Bishop made some very encouraging remarks concerning the work in West Virginia, and W. S. Lowry offered a motion that we instruct the delegates to the General Conference to ask that West Virginia be set apart as an Annual Conference. The motion was laid on the table.

W. H. Brown gave notice, that at an early session he would offer a motion to the effect that the delegates to the General Conference be instructed to ask that the Pittsburg Conference be attached to the First Episcopal District.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. T. W. Henderson

Evening Session.

Conference was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by Bishop Lee. Rev. T. J. Smith conducted the devotional exercises, singing Hymn 289, "High on His everlasting throne," and led in prayer.

Presiding Elder W. H. Brown read his annual report as follows:

Presiding Elder's Report.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference:

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER AND BRETHREN IN GOD:—In making this, my fifth and last annual report as Presiding Elder, I first desire to thank our Heavenly Father for his fatherly care and blessing, which He has bestowed upon the dear brethren and their families.

No deaths have occurred among the ministers of the district this ecclesiastical year of our conference, although many have been the losses among the laity of the district. No serious trouble has existed among the ministry of the district; no committees of investigation have had to be called during the year. All have done the best they could in their work. We had an outbreak of smallpox in Bedford, but we are glad to say not a colored person was claimed a victim. No calamities have occurred in the Pittsburg District this year. No fire or water has interfered with our ministers or churches.

Many of our churches enjoyed revivals of religion last winter, with many accessions to our churches; for all of which we give thanks to our Heavenly Father. We would earnestly recommend that our ministers hold protracted and special meetings for the revival of members and conversion of souls. Commence them in the fall, as we used to do in the early days of the Pittsburg Conference.

We believe it would be a wise act of this assembly to go back to the old time of the assembling of our conference in the spring of the year, that we may have the fall to pay special attention to revival meetings in our churches.

The brethren do not pay as much attention to the district conference as they should. Sunday-school conventions are not attended

as they should be, either by delegates or some pastors. Some action should be taken by this Conference to compel some pastors to be more diligent along this line.

WOMAN'S MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

This branch of our work is not looked after by many of our ministers as it should be. In some of our smaller churches no society is in existence, while in other churches it is fine.

The members and officers of some churches are in opposition to this great and good work. We think it due to the lack of the spirit of the blessed Christ, and to ignorance more than anything else. Therefore we feel the need of a Woman's Mite Missionary lecturer. She would go from church to church and have the pastor call the ladies together, and she should instruct them in this grand work of Jesus Christ, our blessed Master.

As the Presiding Eldership has come into the A. M. E. Church to stay, and said office has become a fixed matter, we would urge this Conference to make provisions for an adequate salary, that the presiding elder be unincumbered in his work; that each pastor have the presiding elder's salary collected and in hand before he comes to hold his quarterly meeting and conference, so that he may not be humiliated by the collection of his salary. In many cases, after he has drained the congregation in the interest of the pastor, he then takes up an after collection for the presiding elder. Get your members to hold socials or entertainments and collect his money by this means. Have it ready when he comes; then he can be of more service to you on quarterly meeting occasions. Don't humiliate your presiding elder. Make the office a dignified one and it will be a help to you in more than one way in your work.

Presiding Elder's modesty has forbidden him to speak of this subject in his report heretofore. But as his time has now expired, he feels free to speak on this matter.

FINANCES.

The brethren have continually kept the dollar-money collection before the people during this year. So much so that many of our

people have become prejudiced to the dollar-money system. But the order of the Bishop was to commence the work at the beginning of the year. We find that the people will not pay this assessment until the last of the conference year. All of the urging seems to do little or no good. The ministers of the district have done the best they could: in many places we have an increase; in others, a decrease; just according to the circumstances that surround the people.

No one knows better than the pastor what is favorable for collecting dollar-money. This year may not be favorable, next year may.

Easter Day was observed with great earnestness by the pastors, and we hope we have an increase over last year.

Children's Day was observed with success, which will be shown by the reports of the pastors.

Educational Day was observed throughout the district, which will also be shown in this report.

Allen's Day, which is not a connectional day set apart by the General Conference, was observed. Quite a little sum was raised.

We hope to see the day when our Book Concern will be self-sustaining, but we fear our hope will never be realized.

We have urged our people to subscribe for our *Christian Recorder*, *Voice of Missions*, and *A. M. E. Review*. How we have succeeded the Book Concern knows. We will not give the details of our finances, but we give the total amount of each church's collections.

As the pastor gives the item and amount in his report, we find it useless to give each detail. The total amounts are as follows:

	Total Am't. Collected.	Dollar Money.
Wylie Ave. Church, Pittsburg	$5800.66	$238.10
Euclid Ave. Church, Pittsburg	4176.95	117.28
Williamsport	2230.00	80.00
Bellefonte	1187.68	59.00
Wilkesbarre	1719.55	72.00
Scranton	1356.53	53.25
New Haven	958.80	35.50

	Total Am't. Collected.	Dollar Money.
Greensburg	$ 555.00	$ 24.00
Tyrone	837.60	20.10
Homestead	950.34	28.00
Braddock	857.58	45.27
Duquesne	36.00	5.00
Altoona	548.71	17.00
CIRCUITS.		
Waverly, Mont Rose, West Pittston	497.24	15.00
Bedford, Everett	413.70	10.00
Philipsburg, Curwensville	816.58	21.50
Lockhaven, Jersey Shore, Milton	425.31	19.00
Muncy	124.00	10.00
Huntingdon, Lewiston	125.00	
Grand total		$26,131.01

A large increase in every department over last year.

CHURCHES.

WYLIE AVENUE CHURCH, PITTSBURG—Rev. J. W. Gazaway, the pastor, has served this church for three years very acceptably and has put the Avery Property Trust Fund in a good condition. The income of this property goes to the support of the gospel among the churches of Pittsburg and Allegheny city in the A. M. E. Church. For several years the members and officers have felt the need of a new building and steps have been taken by the pastor and officers to raise money for the purpose of building a new church. About one thousand dollars has been raised, the greater part of which was collected this conference year. The pastor will make a good financial report, which you will see when each pastor makes his report to this

conference. Rev. Gazaway is much respected and honored in this old church.

Euclid Avenue Church, Pittsburg—Rev. J. W. Jeffries has just closed his first year's service in this church. He has had a successful and brilliant year. The church has had to have some improvements made upon it. The sidewalks have been laid, which is a considerable expense. The officers have been able to meet their obligations for the floating debts, as they have become due. The congregation and membership has been increasing during the year with a prospect of a larger congregation under the administration of Rev. Jeffries. Rev. Lowry built this church in 1897 at a great sacrifice. We have a heavy debt, but everything looks favorable, as the interest of the money is about provided for in the way of an income from rents of real estate of the church.

Williamsport—Rev. Asbury has closed his two years as pastor. Taking everything into consideration he has done exceedingly well. He has had some serious difficulties to meet, which affected the church very much. Rev. Asbury was compelled to go to the hospital last winter for medical treatment. He will make a fair report to this conference. There was a mistake made in the financial report two years ago by both pastor and presiding elder, which we intended to correct, but owing to sickness and death in my own family, we were not able to be at conference in time to make this correction. The indebtedness of the church should have been reported as $2000 instead of $1400. This mistake was made on account of sickness and death of the Treasurer, Brother Stevenson. Many of the people are leaving Williamsport on account of scarcity of work; the lumber business has almost become a thing of the past; consequently we are looking for a thinning out of our people. Yet, up to the present time we are holding our own as a church. We have excellent property. Our church has been organized for about thirty-five years, and we have made excellent progress in African Methodism. We have a fine building erected by Rev. Wheeler, completed in 1880. The people are kind and loyal.

BELLEFONTE—Rev. C. Woodson has been pastor of this church for three years, and has rendered good service, which his reports will show. The church has been remodeled in many respects. Our young people here seek employment in the larger cities, hence we are not any stronger, numerically, than we were twenty years ago. The old substantial building was built by Rev. Grimes, of the Baltimore Conference. The corner-stone was laid by the much lamented Bishop D. A. Payne, D. D., over sixty years ago. This congregation possesses a history which would be very interesting to future generations, if the facts were gathered.

WILKESBARRE—Rev. J. P. Wallace and Rev. J. H. Grant, Pastors. This church has had two pastors during the year. Rev. Wallace was taken sick, and was removed by Bishop Lee. Rev. J. H. Grant was appointed in his stead. Rev. Grant found this church in a bad condition, financially, with many debts, among them the Building and Loan behind in its dues eight months. No one knew anything about the condition of affairs. But through the business-like tact of Rev. Grant the loan has been paid up two months in advance. Rev. Wallace served eight months. Rev. Wallace collected $850.33; Rev. Grant, $903.72. Rev. A. R. Palmer and some of his trustees sold the parsonage after the sitting of the Fourth Quarterly Conference last year. We have asked for a report of the sale and the proceeds of said sale, but no report has been made to the Quarterly Conference. The church was built by Rev. John Stevenson, of the Philadelphia Conference, and remodeled by Rev. Jeffries in 1896 at a cost of about $2000. Rev. Grant arrived on the field in time to save our church at Wilkesbarre.

SCRANTON—Rev. H. A. Grant has served this church for three years. This church is not as strong as it has been; many of the members have left the city. This church was built by Rev. W. H. Pride (deceased). There is a nice parsonage and hall on the lot. The parsonage has all the modern improvements and makes an excellent home for the pastor. The pastor has had hard work to raise missionary money, as the leading members oppose sending away money to foreign fields.

NEW HAVEN—Rev. B. Wheeler has been at this charge for one year and has worked hard. The membership is decreasing, owing to many of the members returning to their southern homes. The most of the people are miners and are transient, and do not settle permanently in their homes. This church was built and remodeled by Rev. J. J. Norris. It is a very beautiful little building. Very few of our people own their homes in New Haven. There are very few industries here in which our peoble can secure work, therefore they have to follow the mining business for a living.

HOMESTEAD—Rev. H. G. Thomas has served this charge for two years. The debt has been reduced very little. The young people outside of the church, with Capt. Posey at the head, organized the Literary Society, and have almost completed a parsonage for the pastor. The house has four good rooms. Great credit is due Capt. Posey. They pay as they go with the work. Rev. Thomas built the church and the parsonage has been built under his administration. He has had a hard time and we believe he has done the very best he could. He is a good, kind and Christian gentleman. What he can't do he allows others to do in his work. The outlook for our church in Homestead is good. With a pastor well learned and cultured in the ministry, and, if you will allow the expression, a hustler among the people for souls and the church, African Methodism must triumph in Homestead.

BRADDOCK—Rev. W. N. Young, pastor. Rev. Young has served this church one year, and through God has done a grand work. The membership has been increased. General collections increased, and every department of the church has been greatly improved and the congregation has been doubled. Rev. B. Wheeler built this church and a man by the name of Brown organized the Society in 1884.

GREENSBURG—Rev. M. S. Jones has had charge of this church for one year, and many have been his difficulties. First, the people are transient in this place. Death has taken away many of the supporters, and the people moving away in search of a better living,

greatly affects our church. Rev. Jones is an able pastor and a good worker. The people do all they can to support the church. There are no inducements for our people to come to this town, save the waiting in hotels and positions as porters. Rev. Jones has done a good work in holding the people together, and will make a good report. Rev. Sandy Christian built this church, and a man by the name of Brown organized the Society in 1875.

Phillipsburg and Curwensville—Rev. J. M. Wilkes, Pastor. This is a small circuit with but few people in either town. Rev. Wilkes has served these churches one year and very acceptably. We have two churches. The one at Philipsburg was built by W. S. Lowry; the one at Curwensville, by Rev. R. M. Henderson in 1894. We have had a serious loss at Curwensville. About two months ago a disastrous fire swept out the large tanneries in which our people were employed. This left most of them without employment. Rev. Wilkes is a transferred man from the North Ohio Conference. He has done good work this year on a poor circuit, and will make an excellent report. We welcome such men to our Conference. Rev. Wilkes is a good and reliable man, he is an excellent worker and is much beloved by his people.

Lockhaven Circuit—Rev. O. T. Davis, Pastor. This circuit has four points, Lockhaven, Jersey Shore, Muncy and Milton. All four of these places are poor, with but few people. They are able to pay but very little for the pastor's support. Sometimes they are not able to pay his traveling expenses. We thought it best to relieve Rev. Davis of one of these points; namely, Muncy. We attached this point to Bellefonte. The health of Rev. Davis has been very poor during the year, but through God's mercy he has managed to live with the little support he received. He has worked hard to build up his work. This Society was organized by Rev. Bronson.

Bedford Circuit—Rev. J. W. Riley, Pastor. This circuit has two points, Bedford and Everett. We have done very little on this work during the year. Rev. Riley's health has been poor. The work is not in a prosperous condition, which you will see from the

pastor's report. Harmony has not existed between pastor and people. We have lost instead of gaining. We have done all we could to harmonize, but we failed. A change of pastor is needed on this circuit. The church at Bedford was built by Rev. Sandy Christian, Rev. Henderson and Rev. H. G. Thomas. The church at Everett was built by Rev. R. Brown and Rev. Frazer. It was dedicated by Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., August, 1898.

Mont Rose—Rev. C. Garner, Pastor. This circuit has three points, namely, Mont Rose, Waverly and Pittston. Waverly and Mont Rose are old points, and it will not be long before all of our people will have passed over the river into the land of rest. The few people in our church are old and feeble, hence we are not able to keep up the expenses of the churches. Yet the minister must go and preach to them as long as they live. At Pittston we have a brighter prospect than we have at the other two points, owing to the increasing growth of the town. Although we have no building here, we have about thirty people in this town. We hope some day to see a church building. Rev. Garner with his large family has had a hard time to get along. He has had sickness in his family the greater part of the year, yet he has managed to live by the aid of the good people. Rev. Garner is a good worker, and deserves great credit for holding the people together. He is much respected and beloved by his people.

Bloomsburg Circuit—Rev. C. N. Butts, Pastor. This circuit has two points, Danville and Bloomsburg. Rev. Butts has served this church five years, and worked at manual labor and supported his family. He has done the best he could. We depend on bush meetings in the summer to raise a little money to live on.

Altoona—Rev. B. A. L. Powell, Pastor. This charge is in poor conditions in every respect. Rev. Powell started in the beginning of the conference year very brilliantly, but everything soon went down. At present the church is in a very poor state, both financially and spiritually. The pastor went to the woods and held outdoor meetings to raise his support and conference money. We believe he does his best. The people of Altoona pay but little attention to the

A. M. E. Church. Rev. Powell is not acquainted with the usages of our church. We would recommend that he take a short course at Payne's Theological Seminary, at Wilberforce, Ohio, in order to make a successful pastor in the A. M. E. Church. He is an able preacher and would grace any pulpit. Something is wrong at Altoona. A law suit is now pending and will come off next month, which settles a long standing difficulty in our church.

TYRONE—Rev. Alexander Smothers has served this mission with great success. He is loved by all, and the people think they cannot get along without him. He is an able preacher and an excellent pastor, with an influence in Tyrone that is a credit to any man. He has drawn the best citizens of the town around him. White and colored request his return. Rev. B. Wheeler organized the Society. Rev. Garner and Rev. Christian built the church.

HUNTINGDON AND LEWISTOWN—We have not been able to support a pastor at these points. Rev. T. J. Smith was sent to this circuit last conference year, but the people were not able to keep him. We would have lost our church at Huntingdon, had it not been for the Church Extension Society and the white citizens coming to our rescue and raising $300 to pay on the church debt. All praise to Bishop Lee for his interest manifested in saving this valuable property. Rev. T. J. Simmons built the church, but it is not appreciated by the people. We have but five of our old members at Lewistown. The building is in bad condition and not fit to meet in. We refer this work to the Bishop for his goodly judgment in the matter.

DUQUESNE—Rev. Thomas Chambers, Pastor. We have only four or five members and adherents at this place. The Methodists and members have moved away. Rev. Chambers is a local preacher whom we appointed to this church. We owe about four hundred dollars on the lot and building. If it is not paid soon we will lose all. While we have but few people here at present, yet we believe in the future we shall have many of our people settled here. Therefore, we should maintain this building at a sacrifice. We hope for brighter days in Duquesne. Rev. M. S. Jones built the church and a man by

the name of Brown organized the Society in 1891. Duquesne is a new and growing town. Our people will settle in Duquesne; therefore, we should hold on to what we have.

Bishop Lee has visited every Society in the Pittsburg district, which has greatly stimulated the churches. His Sunday visits were exceedingly helpful to the work. His week day and evening visits were not as largely attended as we would have liked to have had. The Bishop has visited six churches in the district on Sunday, which visits were exceedingly profitable to the people.

We would respectfully recommend that the following churches receive the same consideration from the missionary fund as the mission work in West Virginia receives. That is Mont Rose, Waverly, Pittston, Bloomsburg, Danville, Milton, Muncy, Jersey Shore, Lockhaven, Tyrone, Huntingdon and Lewistown. If these poor churches cannot get help, we cannot see how they can live. It is an indisputable fact. The preacher sent to these churches without help must be a chronic beggar upon the public. I hope, dear brethren, that you will take this matter under your serious consideration and give it your best judgment.

And now in conclusion, I desire to thank you again for the generous support you have given me in the last five years as your Presiding Elder. It would not be human if we have not made some errors in our administration, but we assure you our errors have not been from the heart, but from the head. And now I bid you adieu and farewell as Presiding Elder, trusting you may be as faithful to my successor in office as you have been to me. God bless you in your work of labor and love, all of which I submit for your consideration.

W. H. BROWN, Presiding Elder.

Bro. Wallace called attention to some apparent errors in Elder Brown's report. The matter was referred to an Arbitration Committee, who were asked to report tomorrow morning. Revs. G. C. Sampson, D. F. Caliman and C. A. McGee were appointed as said committee.

Bro. J. W. Riley said that an erroneous statement concerning him was made in Elder Brown's report, and gave notice that, at an

early session, he would ask to have said statement stricken out of the report.

Rev. D. F. Caliman, Presiding Elder of the Allegheny District, read his annual report as follows:

Presiding Elder's Report.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference, Greeting:

Dear Brethren: With profound gratitude to our beneficent Heavenly Father, for His watchful care of, and blessings upon the ministers and people of the district during the arduous toils of another year, we are pleased to submit our second annual report.

With sincere regret, mingled with a sense of death's relentless claim upon us, we record the decease of Rev. William H. Pride, who departed this life February 16, 1899, at McKeesport, Pa. Bro. Pride had been ill, and almost helpless for nearly two years, his affliction at times being attended with great suffering, though borne with great faith and fortitude, and a bright anticipation of a glorious immortality in the blessed world beyond. (See Report on Memoirs.)

Our District Conference held at Oil City, in May, was considered one of the very best we have ever had in many respects. It was well attended by the pastors, but the local and lay representation was very small, thus failing to meet one of the purposes for which this conference is designed.

Bishop Lee, who is always wont to impart wise counsel and good cheer, was present a part of the time, and greatly encouraged us.

The frequent visits by himself and his sparkling "Circular" to our district have been fraught with much interest and importance, both to preachers and people, and highly appreciated by all.

At this conference Bro. Levin V. Jones, of Chartiers St. Church, Allegheny, stood a creditable examination, and was licensed to preach. He also passed a satisfactory examination before the Committee on Admission, and is duly recommended to this Conference as a proper person for the itineracy.

A very interesting and profitable Sunday-school Convention was held at New Brighton, Pa., the last week in June, a large and intelli

gent delegation of young people being present from all over the district.

The Woman's Mite Missionary work has been very effective, and the interest constantly increasing.

All activities along the line of Christian enterprise have been filled with anxious thought, constant toil, and earnest prayer; and we are constrained to say,

"Hitherto the Lord hath brought us by His love;
And still He doth His help afford, and hides our life above."

CHURCHES.

Brown Chapel, Allegheny City—This reliable organization has enjoyed another prosperous year. The whole interior of the church has been handsomely decorated with oil finish, giving the internal appearance of a new structure. The cost of said improvement has all been paid.

The pastor, Rev. R. H. Morris, always careful, thoughtful and vigilant as a gospel minister, has maintained his usual good standing as a safe and successful Christian leader. The spiritual condition is good. All church auxiliaries have been amply supported.

Dollar Money, $176.

Chartiers Street, Allegheny City—This fervent church, as usual, has done splendid work this year. Over twenty persons have been converted, and nearly all added to its membership. Considerable repairing in the way of roofing, spouting, and papering has been done, and all paid for.

Rev. Benj. H. Lee, the earnest pastor, possesses a business tact as well as the qualities of a faithful and successful minister. The mortgage debt is $1460.

Dollar Money, $77.50.

South Side, Pittsburg—Rev. T. J. Askew, pastor. With his energy and zeal, this work has undergone a marked revolution; several souls have been added to the church. The audience room of the little chapel has been cozily repaired, and a lot has been purchased for church purposes in a more suitable locality. For this

REV. W. H. BROWN,
Ex-Presiding Elder Pittsburg District.

REV. C. ASBURY, D. D.,
Ex-Presiding Elder Allegheny District.

REV. D. F. CALIMAN,
Presiding Elder Allegheny District.

REV. P. A. SCOTT,
Conf. Sec'y and Trustee Wilberforce University.

purpose $200 have been collected, $60 of which have been paid to bind the contract. The balance, $140, remain in bank. The members and friends of this organization have cheerfully and effectually cooperated with the pastor.

Dollar Money, $36.

UNIONTOWN—Rev. G. C. Sumpson is the faithful Pastor. This work has been extremely hard, and the financial condition is still quite intricate. Rev. Sampson has vigorously attacked the debt at all points, and has succeeded in tiding the church over another year of toil and difficulty. He has justly won the confidence of his people. The spiritual condition is fair. The interest-bearing debt is $5337.77; amount of interest paid this year $594.43.

Dollar Money, $71.00.

BROWNSVILLE AND PIKE RUN—Rev. C. A. McGee successfully pastored this work the first half of this year, after which he was appointed by Bishop Lee to succeed Rev. T. A. Green as Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District. At the same time Rev. Green was appointed to succeed Rev. McGee as pastor of the Brownsville church. Under his ministry, the church, as you see, has been tastefully frescoed and painted. The financial and spiritual condition of the church is good.

The Pike Run work has enjoyed a glorious revival, resulting in over twenty-five accessions to the church. This organization is in a splendid condition. Rev. Green is a strong preacher, and carefully looks after his work.

Dollar Money at Brownsville.....$35.00.
Dollar Money at Pike Run .....$14.70.
Total.....$49.70.

ELIZABETH—Rev. G. G. Skinner, vigorous and strong in his work, is the successful pastor. A gracious revival, the greatest. perhaps, in the history of the church, swept through this community like a tidal wave, and over forty precious and long-prayed-for souls were wafted from the dark sea of sin into the light and joy of salvation. A large number of these have been received into full membership in our church. All the auxiliaries are active and prosperous.

The church is in good condition. The pastor and members have labored mutually and faithfully for the Master's cause. The W. M. M. collection for the year, $57.12.

Dollar Money, $50.60.

MONONGAHELA—Rev. S. P. West is the erudite Pastor. The large debt on this church has proven to be extremely difficult, in spite of the pastor's best efforts, and hangs on as heavily as of yore. Our dear Bro. West has passed through a most trying affliction in his family this year. In the coldest period of the winter Mrs. West and little Margurite lingered for weeks between life and death; but finally the crisis came, and mother and child, with careful nursing, came back to a reasonable state of health. Death's couriers, however, could not always be baffled, and on the 24th day of June at Brownsville, little Mary Pearl, the tenderest and youngest of the home, like a fragrant flower, was suddenly plucked from loving paternal embrace and transplanted in the realms of unfading beauty. The hearty co-operation and sympathy of church and people have not been wanting during this period of affliction. The spiritual condition of the church is fair. The interest-bearing debt is, $3300.

Dollar Money, $20.00.

CHARLEROI—This church, through the energy of its earnest Pastor, Rev. T. A. J. West, has enjoyed a precious revival, and more than a score of precious souls have been added to the church. The basement has been completed, and the audience room re-seated and given a very creditable and cozy appearance. The church was dedicated by Bishop Lee on July 16th, several neighboring brethren being present and assisting. The entire debt on the church has been paid, and an adjoining lot, upon which is a small dwelling house, has been purchased at reasonable cost, and will be used as a church parsonage. This will no doubt prove a profitable investment. This splendid showing, however, was recently marred, by reason of unpleasant and unwarranted circumstances. A committee of Elders was ordered by Bishop Lee to investigate the matter thoroughly, and on August 16, 1899, the case was examined by said committee, and

Rev. West was found not guilty of any charge. Bro. West, thought, however, that it was best to be released from the pastoral charge, and the year's work has been creditably closed up by Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D.

Dollar Money, $25.

West Newton and West Elizabeth—Rev. J. J. Norris is the sincere and faithful pastor. This circuit has been well pastored by Rev. Norris, and several accessions is the result of a revival effort at West Newton. We have but few people at West Elizabeth, but a more loyal people cannot be found. The Missionary work at both places has made a commendable showing. The quarterly meetings throughout the year have been very spiritual.

Dollar Money, West Newton .....$19.80.
Dollar Money, West Elizabeth.....$17.30.
Total .....$37.15.

Belle Vernon and Pleasant Green—Rev. George T. Smith, Pastor. This circuit moved on under its new relation quite pleasantly for about six months, when, at Pleasant Green, the pastor became the subject of a damaging rumor. On being investigated, however, by a committee of Elders, the rumor was found to be without truth or foundation. It was thought best, though, to relieve Bro. Smith of this part of said work, and he was succeeded by Bro. Charles E. Wheeler, and earnest and zealous Local Preacher of the Brownsville Church, and under his faithful management the church has done fairly well.

Dollar Money, $16.85.

The work at Belle Vernon has succeeded very nicely, and Bro. Smith has proven himself to be an earnest and industrious pastor. A balance of $115, due on the church lot has been paid this year; $87 also has been paid on the church debt, and several various improvements have been made.

By request of the Presiding Elder, Rev. Smith has organized and carefully looked after a new work at Monessen, four miles below Belle Vernon. Bishop Lee visited this place August 13, on the occasion

of a grand rally, at which time the Presiding Elder, and Dr. Wm. H. Palmer were present, when over $200 were collected for the purpose of erecting a new church on a lot which was donated for this purpose by the West Land Company.

Dollar Money, Belle Vernon.....$18.35.
Dollar Money, Monessen ..... 9.65.

Total .....$28.00.

McKeesport—Rev. Daniel Newsom is the painstaking pastor. This work has been more or less on a standstill this year. A great lack of needed cooperation on the part of the membership with the Pastor, has greatly hindered the work. Financial embarrassment also has rendered matters all the more difficult. With the exception of a faithful few, the pastor has toiled alone; and we believe he has done the best he could, and, after all, has been able to make a good report of the year's work. The church has recently been neatly papered. With a few exceptions, the people of this organization seem to be entirely indifferent to sanctuary privileges. It is greatly in need of a revival.

Dollar Money, $22.50.

New Brighton—Rev. W. S. Lowry, argumentative and descriptive, is the pastor. A most soul-stirring revival, far-reaching in its influence, like a copious and constant shower from the skies, came down upon this church and community, and fathers, sons and daughters, thirty in all, found peace in Christ. At least 20 of these have been received into full connection. The debt of the church, in the hands of the Building & Loan Association, has been properly looked after. The members are spiritual, thoughtful and aggressive as a rule, and Rev. Lowry, as a wise and earnest shepherd, has taken good care of his flock. The Woman's Mite Missionary work has made an extraordinary showing this year, the amount raised for this cause being $52.

Dollar Money, $40.

Oil City—Rev. P. A. Scott, affable and studious, is the successful Pastor. This charge has enjoyed a very prosperous year in its

first relation as a station. A precious revival effort resulted in the conversion and accession of twelve souls. The basement of the church has been papered, new incandescent lights placed throughout the building, and other desirable improvements, all of which have been paid for, and which gives the church a very attractive appearance. A splendid house and lot have been purchased at the very reasonable cost of $1375, to be used as a parsonage; and at a single rally in May, the sum of $646 was raised, $500 of which has been paid on the parsonage, and a mortgage given for the rest on very easy payments. The church is well organized, and all the auxiliaries are carefully looked after by the pastor, and cheerfully supported by the people. The spiritual and financial condition of the church are very good. The enterprising members and congregation have shown the highest appreciation of the intelligent and successful manner in which the Pastor has managed the affairs of the church this year.

Dollar Money $58.

TITUSVILLE—This charge, comprising an industrious and faithful people, has done quite well this year, it being its first year as a station. The members and people in general are thoroughly co-operative. The work, in every respect, is in fine condition. Rev. I. B. Till, pious, studious and faithful, is the Pastor, and is highly esteemed by church and community. This organization has a commodious and comfortable parsonage.

Dollar Money, $32.

MEADVILLE—Rev. J. P. Stephens, painstaking and earnest, is the Pastor. Financially, this church has done a creditable work, having raised for trustees $317.13. This charge consists of some very enterprising families, and should be able to maintain an aggressive ministry. A lack of hearty cooperation with some has prevailed here throughout the year. We believe Rev. Stephens has been faithful in doing the best he could to enhance all the interests of the church.

Dollar Money, $26.50.

FRANKLIN—Rev. J. W. Brown is the Pastor at this place. This small organization has a comfortable parsonage, and an industrious and faithful membership, who, as a rule, are always cooperative with their Pastor. Good work has been done there this year. Rev. Brown is a faithful and reliable man of God. The sum of $104 has been collected for the purpose of finishing the basement of the church, which will add much to the comfort and convenience of the same.

Dollar Money, $30.55.

BRADFORD—This work is in a fair condition. The Pastor, Rev. S. C. Honesty, faithful and judicious, has the highest confidence of the people. The church edifice has been handsomely papered, and presents an attractive and cheerful appearance. As a rule, hearty cooperation and support have been given the Pastor. The quarterly meetings here have been attended with special interest.

Dollar Money, $23.

OLEAN, N. Y.—Rev. Eli McKnight, Pastor. This work has presented the picture of discouragement and failure during the entire year. By reason of sickness Rev. McKnight was unable to attend to his work for three months; and his wife was sick over five months during the year. The Pastor unfortunately became involved in a political fudge, which he was unable to overcome, and which has caused much unpleasantness and hindrance to the work. Moreover, on the 10th of August, 1899, the church and parsonage were greatly damaged by fire, the Pastor and family barely escaping with their lives. His library, a good one, was entirely destroyed. Only a few household goods were saved from the flames. The goods were covered by some insurance. The property was insured for $600, which will perhaps be sufficient to repair all damages. A church aid society has been recently organized, and is doing a good work in raising funds for needed repairs.

Dollar Money, $13.

KANE—Efforts have been made to resuscitate this mission, consisting of about twelve families. Rev. McKnight was assigned to this

work by the Presiding Elder last March, and a splendid church lot has been contracted for on easy payments. The price of the lot was $625, and $100 have been paid on the same. Rev. McKnight deserves credit for the way he has stuck to his work during the year, amid such trying circumstances. The Presiding Elder was at Kane twice during the year.

Dollar Money, $5.

Erie—Rev. M. P. Cole is Pastor at this place. But little can be said relative to the progress of this work. Rev. M. L. Nettles had charge the first six months, and then was released. Since that time the Rev. M. P. Cole has been in charge. The prayer meetings and Sunday-school have made some progress. To say the least, there seems to be a general apathy prevailing among our people at Erie, respecting church interests. Rev Cole has labored under no little discouragement.

West Bridgewater—Rev. R. M. Henderson, kind and generous, is the Pastor. This work, though small, consists of a choice and faithful people. Ten were converted and added to the church. This church always cooperates with its Pastor. Inspiring quarterly meetings have been the rule at this place this year.

Dollar Money, $24.35.

Sewickley—Rev. A. E. Walden is the earnest Pastor. Our church here is weak numerically, but has some good members. A debt of $325 still remains on the church. Rev. Walden has been faithful to duty, but has not had the most hearty cooperation of some of the members. The quarterly meetings have been attended with much interest and spiritual fervor.

Dollar Money, $17.75.

Bellevue Mission—Rev. Charles Adison, earnest and true, is the Pastor. Prosperity has attended the work at this place. Bro. Adison and his small membership have worked faithfully and mutually, and the Lord has graciously helped them. A good church lot has been purchased at a cost of $500, upon which $200 have been paid; the sum of $50, remaining in the treasury. Good and appropriate

seats for the contemplated new church, for the very reasonable cost of $50 have been paid for. All incidental expenses, rents, etc., have been paid. Four have been received into full membership during the year.

Dollar Money $7.

KITTANNING—This mission was first started by the organization of a Sunday-school in the name of the A. M. E. Church, March 31, 1899, by the Presiding Elder. The school prospered nicely, and the Children's Day collection amounted to $3. August 26, 1899, Rev. F. E. Bowser was appointed by the Presiding Elder to take the pastoral charge, and on August 28th, succeeded in organizing an A. M. E. Church, consisting of five members. An appropriate hall in which to hold meetings, has been rented for one year at a reasonable price. There are some good families and enterprising people at, and in the vicinity of Kittanning, and we believe, by proper management, the time is not far distant when we shall have at this place, a prosperous organization. The Presiding Elder has made three visits to this place. Rev. Bowser will report his work at this conference.

Dollar Money, $5.

Financial Statement.

Collected:		
Presiding Elder's Support		$882.70
Presiding Elder's traveling expenses		90.00
Total		$972.70
Easter collection	$189.12	
Women's Mite Missionary collection	435.17	
Sunday-school Mission collection	121.75	
Total for Mission purposes		$746.04
Education purposes		$213.51
Children's Day		110.48
Allen's Day		17.57
Asbury Fund		28.07
Dollar Money		903.70

Numerical Statement.

Number members	1591
" Probationers	103
" Sunday-school scholars	1436
" Adults baptized	54
" Infants baptized	77
" Sermons preached	163
" Subscribers for Christian Recorder	64
" Subscribers for Voice of Missions	35

At the close of this our second annual report, the undersigned humbly but emphatically affirms that he has, under God, endeavored to faithfully discharge every duty encumbent upon his office, for the establishment and development of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

With deepest sentiments of gratitude to the revered brethren, and to the esteemed membership of the district, for their most hearty co-operation, and sympathy, I am,

Yours, in His name,

DAVID F. CALIMAN, Presiding Elder.

Rev. Charles A. McGee, Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, read his Annual Report as follows:

Presiding Elder's Report.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference, Greeting:

In making this report I wish to return thanks to my Heavenly Father, for continued health to do the work of a humble minister. Also for the continued health of the brethren in the district.

I am more than thankful to the ministers, members and friends throughout the district for their cooperation, and the hospitality of their homes.

It was on the 8th day of February, I received through the mail my appointment to this work from Bishop Lee, with instructions to be in the field by the 26th. So on the 25th inst., I turned over the church work at Brownsville to Rev. T. A. Green, and entered upon the work of my district.

There was some stoppage in the work caused by the change in the Presiding Elder, but with the hasty cooperation of the pastors and members matters were adjusted and the work moved on. During which time I have been constantly in the field, and have been able to preach three times nearly every Sunday, and often three and four times during the week. And at nearly all of our quarterly meetings there have been visible signs of the presence of the Lord.

As you all know, this district covers a large territory, necessitating a journey of nearly 1400 miles per quarter. I have gone over this district three times, visiting every preaching place but four, where it was impossible for me to get to at the time. However, I have arranged a schedule for the incoming year, so that the presiding elder can visit every preaching place during the first quarter.

But few of the churches have had revivals this year, and yet nearly all report an increase of membership.

I think the financial reports will show an increase over previous years.

During the month of May a very interesting district conference was held at Parkersburg, to which all the members in the district reported in person, except two. We had with us the presence of our good Bishop, Rev. B. F. Lee. This was among the very best district conferences that I have had the pleasure of attending.

The annual convention of the Women's Mite Missionary Society, was held in Wheeling from the 6th to the 10th of July. This convention was in every way a grand success.

Too much credit cannot be given to this noble band of Christain women who are working so earnestly for the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Our district Sunday-school convention was held in Washington August 2nd and 3rd. The convention was not largely attended but very interesting.

The Sunday-school work in the district is in fair condition, but not what it ought to be, nor what we hope to make it. I am glad to say that the work in West Virginia is growing, and I am hopeful that the time will soon come when the West Virginia Conference will be added to our list of conferences.

The State of West Virginia is now enjoying the greatest prosperity known to history. There are thirty-six railroads projected, eight of which are being built. Oil and gas are being found in nearly every county in the State. New industries are being built everywhere.

The oil production last year was 20,000,000 barrels, coke was 2,600,000 tons, coal 16,000,000 tons. It is the first State in the Union for oil and lumber, the second for coke, and the third for coal, and it has 9,000,000 acres of Virginia forest.

With a rapidly increasing population, this field is becoming more promising for our church every day, and we should not be discouraged with the work, because it may be slow in growth, but sure.

I recommend that this Annual Conference pray the General Conference to make this the West Virginia Conference and let it be supported by the Missionary Department. If this could be done I am satisfied that it would help the work and in a few years we would have a strong West Virginia Conference.

We have eighteen circuits and stations, and thirty preaching places, with 833 full members, 185 probationers, fourteen local preachers, thirteen Women's Mite Missions, six Sunday-school Missions, which are expected to increase.

During the year eight of our members have passed away. Among the number was Brother John Stewart, a local preacher of long standing in the church of Waynesburg. Brother Stewart was a good man.

The following is a brief statement of each charge ;

CHURCHES.

WHEELING—Rev. R.H. Binnry, has closed a successful pastoral of five years. The church has been beautified and cleared of a long-standing debt.

SISTERSVILLE—Is an oil town of 10,000 inhabitants on the Ohio River, and we found sixty-five of our people, and on the 4th day of September, 1899, organized a mission with five members. The point had been worked up by C. H. Arnold. The prospect for growth is good.

PARKERSBURG is progressing slowly but surely. The people did not expect Brother Morris to stay his year out, but he did, and has done much to restore confidence in the minds of the people in our church and the Conference, and it is only a question of time until our church will be restored in that beautiful city of Parkersburg.

RAVENSWOOD AND MASON CITY—Were taken up at last conference and ministers appointed with the hope that they might organize, but they were unable to do so, and were released from the work.

CEREDO AND HUNTINGDON—Rev. L. A. Barber, Pastor at Ceredo. We have a neat church with an indebtedness of $400, which has been reduced this year by renting the church for school purposes. Otherwise there has been but little accomplished for the want of co-operation.

HUNTINGDON—Here we had no organization. The former Pastor held meetings, but did not effect an organization. Brother Barber has been unable to accomplish anything here. But I am hopeful of effecting an organization there in the near future. Wayne is the county seat of Wayne County on the N. F. & W. R. R. Rev. L. A. Barber organized a mission there with six members.

BOONE CIRCUIT—Includes Boone, Wyoming and Raliegh counties. While they have no pastor this year and part of the work has been without a pastor for several years, yet they keep up their prayer-meetings and Sunday-school. We need a circuit-rider here.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Rev. G. W. Webster, Pastor, found the work in very bad condition. It is the old story, building without counting the cost. The church was closed when he arrived in that city and was sold shortly afterwards. He has had the use of it by paying the interest on the money. But he has not been able to rally the people. I am hopeful, however, that we can in the near future report better things of our work in that city. Brother Webster staying there, and his upright Christain character has done much to restore confidence in our church.

CLARKSBURG—Rev. R. Brown has done well, and this is the best that can be said. This work is in good condition; the debt has been reduced. Two more years as successful work as the past two will bring the church out of debt.

BUCKHANNON AND WESTON—Rev. S. B. Morris, Pastor. This work is progressing with both churches. Both have had revivals this year, increased their membership and reduced their indebtedness. With careful management we will soon have two flourishing stations here.

INDIAN CAMP—Is four miles from the railroad in the southwest part of Upshur Co., where there is a small settlement of our people, mostly farmers. This would be an excellent place for our people to settle. Farms can be bought very cheap. Our people there are prosperous. Our church is doing as well as could be expected. Rev. P. Moore is Pastor.

SUTTON AND STOUTS' MILLS—I found this work without a pastor, and by the instruction of the Bishop appointed Rev. E. E. Obrient, He has done a good work, souls have been converted, and the work built up in general. Both of these churches are out of debt. Our people are farmers and are prosperous.

BEVERLY CIRCUIT—Includes Randolph, Tucker and Barber Counties and have five preaching places. Rev. E. R. Bazier is Pastor. At Beverly we have a neat church with a small indebtedness. The people are generally prosperous.

CASSIDY FORKS—We have a neat chapel out of debt. Father Green with his large family mostly compose the church. Coketon is a mining town, and they have a neat chapel out of debt. At Phillippi we have an organization, but no building. I found Elkins without a pastor, Rev. Amiss having given up the work. I asked Rev. Bazier to take charge until conference.

MORGANTOWN—Our church work under the management of Rev. Sandy Christain, is in a prosperous condition. Morgantown is a thriving town, and the outlook for our work is encouraging. Bro. Christain is highly respected by all classes.

WAYNESBURG—Rev. S. A. Lewis is the Pastor. Brother Lewis is a progressive pastor. He has secured a lot for a parsonage, and done with his own hands the excavating and building a foundation. I hope that in another year that this church will be able to report a parsonage.

WASHINGTON—This is one of the strongest churches in the conference. The people of Washington are prosperous, and our church has a large following aside from a neat parsonage. The church has bought three houses, which bring in $30.00 per month for rent, besides a bank account of $2000. Dr. Bently was pastor and has given three years of good service to the church.

CANONSBURG—This is one of our most loyal churches. The church has been in an unsettled condition for over a year, owing to the fact that they have been unable to finish or even inclose their church building. The Pastor, Rev. Carter Wright, has labored hard and faithfully, but has been unable to accomplish the desired end. This is another case of building before counting the cost. The connectional interest of the church has been kept up, the spiritual condition is good. There has been a revival nearly all the year. The Pastor will report nearly one hundred probationers to this conference. Rev. Wright has served this point for five years.

WEST MIDDLETOWN—Rev. J. S. Eaton, Pastor. The work here has not been as prosperous as we would have liked, yet the Pastor has done the best he could. We have good people at this point.

WELLSBURG is a prosperous little city. Rev. J. C. Powel, Pastor. He has done an excellent work. One or two more years like the one just closed, and we will have a church building at this point.

This is a brief but an honest statement of the work in the Wheeling district. Our work has been blessed and stimulated during the year by the occasional visits made to it by our Bishop, B. F. Lee. I want to thank the bishop for his consideration of me and my work. I only hope that he will be returned to this district. I also thank the Woman's Mite Missionary society for their consideration of me, and

the men in the Wheeling district, and to those who have assisted me aside from the regular assessment. I am very thankful to Dr. D. S. Bentley, Rev. Carter Wright, Dr. J. W. Gazaway, G. G. Skinner, G. C. Sampson, S. A. Lewis, E. R. Bazier, and Rev. T. A. Green for his very kind consideration of my family. The assessment during the three quarters of my service has been paid to the cent.

Assessment paid to	
Rev. T. A. Green	$125.53
Rev. C. A. McGee	360.59
Total	$480.12
Received from the Woman's Mite Mission Society	$ 65.00
" " Rev. D. S. Bently, D. D.	5.00
" " " J. W. Gazaway, D. D.	4.00
" " " G. C. Sampson	4.20
" " " G. G. Skinner	2.00
	$ 80.20
	360.59
Total amount received	$440.79
R. R. Fare	125.00
Leaving for my support	$314.99

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. McGEE, Presiding Elder.

In commending this report, Dr. W. H. Palmer declared it the best that has ever come from that district.

Bishop Lee said that some years ago, Mrs. D. S. Bentley collected a sufficient amount of money to purchase a horse for the circuit-rider of the Boone Mission in West Va., and that whenever that work is restored to active circuit relations, and has an energetic circuit-rider, he would donate a similar amount for the same purpose.

On motion of Dr Bentley, the Literary Society was ordered to hold its session from 1:30 to 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. C. Asbury gratefully acknowledged the kindness of the brethren who assisted him in his sore affliction during the year, and sincerely thanked them for the same.

Dr. T. W. Henderson spoke in the interest of our publications, and said the Pittsburg Conference is the most wide-awake and up-to-date conference in the connection.

A collection for contingent purposes was raised, amounting to $3.67.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Rev. T. A. J. West.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 13, 1899.

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock, and Rev. L. A. Barber announced Hymn 279, "How did my heart rejoice to hear," which was sung, and Rev. Chas. H. Arnold led in prayer. Bro. Barber read the 122nd Psalm, and led the Ritual service.

The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. C. N. Butts read the report from the Bloomsburg church.

Rev. M. S. Jones reported the Greensburg Church.

The report of the Committee on Second Year Studies was read by Rev. R. H. Morris, as follows:

Report of Committee on Second Year Studies.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, your Committee on Second Year Studies, desire to make the following report:

We have examined Rev. J. W. Hayes in the following studies: Logic, 70%; on the Bible, 73%; Discipline, 73%; History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 72%; Astronomy, 70%; outline of History, 72%; Physiology, 72%; Systematic Theolgy, 70%.

He having passed a fair examination, we recommend that he be passed to the third year studies, be received into full membership and be ordained deacon.

D. S. BENTLEY,
W. H. BROWN,
R. H. MORRIS.

SUPPLEMENT.

We also, after due examination, recommend the admission of Bro. Harry J. Williams, and the readmission of Bro. Elijah R. Bazier, into full connection.

COMMITTEE.

The report was received and adopted, and Bro. John W. Hayes was elected to the diaconate.

The following report of the Committee on Third Year Studies was read by Dr. J. W. Gazaway:

Report of Committee on Third Year Studies.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Oct. 13, 1899.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Third Year Studies beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined Bros. J. Spencer Eaton, Elijah R. Bazier, and Francis E. Bowser. The per cent. was as follows:

E. R. Bazier, an average of 8%
F. E. Bowser " " " 10%
J. S. Eaton " " " 7%

We recommend that they be advanced to the fourth year class.

J. W. GAZAWAY,
W. H. PALMER,
G. G. SKINNER.

The report was received and adopted.

Bro. J. W. Riley called for the reading of that portion of Elder Brown's annual report which referred to him, and the reading was submitted. Bro. Riley asked that Elder Brown eliminate from his report the reference to his superannuation, and the request was granted.

The following report of the Arbitration Committee was read by Rev. D. F. Caliman:

Report of Committee on Arbitration.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 12, 1899.

We, the Committee to arbitrate the matter between Rev. W. H. Brown, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. P. Wallace, respecting the report of the Wilkesbarre charge, submit the following:

We find that the Church was in arrears with the Building & Loan Association eight months when Rev. J. H. Grant assumed the pastoral charge of Wilkesbarre, as stated by Rev. Brown, but we further find that four months was due in 1896, and three months in 1897, and that there was only one month's dues unpaid during the eight months of Rev. Wallace's administration. Moreover, we do not think that Rev. Brown meant to reflect upon Rev. Wallace as to his work. However, we request that so much of the report as seems to so reflect, be stricken out of the same.

GEO. C. SAMPSON,
C. A. MCGEE,
D. F. CALIMAN.

The report was received and adopted.

The characters of all the preachers present were examined and passed.

A motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to investigate the moral status of Rev. M. L. Nettles.

The following report of the Committee on Admissions was read by Rev. S. P. West:

Report of Committee on Admission.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 13, 1899.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, your Committee on Admission, beg to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the following named brethren and find them proficient in the studies, as the respective averages will indicate:

	Age.	Average Per Cent.
A. C. Hayes	38	71
Pierce Moore	38	56.8

	Age.	Average Per Cent.
J. W. Amiss	35	76
C. Adison	43	86.4
L. V. Jones	35	85.3
E. E. O'Brient	41	41.9
J. A. Latterbury	38	81.4
C. E. Wheeler	40	89.1

We have inquired as to their lives and habits and find them, as far as we are able to ascertain, spotless and blameless. The passing average as set by the Conference being 70 per cent., we therefore recommend the admission of the following: C. Adison, L. V. Jones, A. C. Hayes, J. W. Amiss, J. A. Latterbury and C. E. Wheeler on trial in the itinerant relations.

J. P. Q. Wallace,
S. P. West,
C. A. McGee,
R. Brown.

The report was received and adopted, and Bros. John A. Latterbury, Charles E. Wheeler, Levin V. Jones, Charles Adison, John W. Amiss, and A. C. Hayes were admitted on trial.

Revs. Carter Wright, B. Wheeler and J. W. Gazaway were appointed to examine the marital status of Bro. John W. Amiss.

The Bishop introduced the following persons to the Conference: Dr. C. S. Smith, of the Sunday-school Union, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. D. A. Graham, Agent for Payne Seminary; Rev. D. G. Moore, of New Castle; and Rev. C. R. Harman, of Brownsville.

Motion by Dr. Gazaway, that Bro. E. E. O'Brient be allowed to go before the Committee on Admission for re-examination. Motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee on First Year Studies was read by Rev. I. B. Till, as follows:

Report of Committee on First Year Studies.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

Brownsville, Pa., October 13, 1899.

We, your Committee on First Year Studies, submit the following:

We have examined Brothers C. J. Powell and Geo. T. Smith in the prescribed studies for said year.

C. J. Powell having made a general average of 73 per cent. and Geo. T. Smith 65 per cent., we, therefore, recommend that Bro. Powell be passed to the second year studies, and Bro. Smith also be passed to second year studies.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. CALIMAN,
I. B. TILL,
J. W. JEFFRIES.

The report was adopted.

The following report of the Committee on Fourth Year Studies was read by Dr. C. Asbury:

Report of Committee on Fourth Year Studies.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report on Fourth Year Studies:

We have examined Revs. Toney J. Askew, J. W. Brown, S. B. Morris, Joseph E. Morris, Elijah Bazier and Eli McKnight, and recommend that they be passed out of the Fourth Year Studies and that they be ordained Elders.

We give herewith the following result of their examinations:

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY.

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
Rev. J. E. Morris	70	T. J. Askew	90
J. W. Brown	75	Eli McKnight	70
S. B. Morris	70	E. R. Bazier	75

CHEMISTRY.

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
Rev. J. E. Morris	75	T. J. Askew	95
J. W. Brown	80	Eli McKnight	92½
E. R. Bazier	80	S. B. Morris	70

SUPERNATURAL BOOK.

	Per Cent		Per Cent.
J. E. Morris	83	T. J. Askew	95
J. W. Brown	92	E. R. Bazier	69
S. B. Morris	75	Eli McKnight	78

MORAL PHILOSOPHY.

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
J. E. Morris	70	Eli McKnight	70
S. B. Morris	72	T. J. Askew	90
J. W. Brown	95	E. R. Bazier	70

HERMENEUTICS.

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
J. W. Brown	80	T. J. Askew	75
Eli McKnight	70	J. E. Morris	75
E. R. Bazier	70	S. B. Morris	70

EXTEMPORANEOUS PREACHING.

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
J. W. Brown	70	T. J. Askew	75
Eli McKnight	70	J. E. Morris	70
E. R. Bazier	75	S. B. Morris	75

GENERAL AVERAGE.

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
Toney J. Askew	86⅔	John W. Brown	82
Eli McKnight	78⅓	Joseph E. Morris	73⅓
Elijah Bazier	73⅙	Samuel B. Morris	72

CORNELIUS ASBURY,
W. S. LOWRY,
G. C. SAMPSON.

The report laid on the table until the afternoon session.
Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Lee.

Afternoon Session.

The first hour of the afternoon was occupied by the Conference Literary Society, as the following records will show:

Minutes of the Conference Literary Society.

The Literary Society opened with Rev. G. G. Skinner presiding.

Rev. S. B. Morris was elected Secretary.

The roll was called and the following brethren paid their annual dues of 50 cents: Bishop B. F. Lee, W. H. Brown, D. F. Caliman, C. Asbury, G. C. Sampson, D. S. Bentley, B. Wheeler, W. S. Lowry, C. N. Woodson, G. G. Skinner, C. Wright, T. A. Green. J. W. Gazaway, J. J. Norris, R. H. Morris, A. Smothers, J. W. Riley, W. N. Young, R. Brown, A. E. Walden, P. A. Scott, J. W. Jeffries, S. P. West, W. H. Palmer, J. P. Q. Wallace, I. B. Till, H. G. Thomas, S. C. Honesty, R. H. Bumry, S. Christian, R. M. Henderson, Chas. Garner, D. Newsom, H. A. Grant, B. H. Lee, G. W. Webster, J. P. Stephens, L. A. Barber, O. T. Davis, T. A. J. West, B. A. L. Powell, H. J. Williams, J. M. Wilkes, E. R. Bazier, Eli McKnight, M. S. Jones, J. E. Morris, T. J. Askew, J. W. Brown, J. S. Eaton, C. N. Butts, F. E. Bowser, C. J. Powell, S. B. Morris, M. P. Cole, G. T. Smith, A. C. Hayes, L. V. Jones, E. E. Obrient, J. A. Latterbury, C. H. Arnold, P. W. Douse, R. H. Baker, Peter Bowman, James Bruen.

Revs. D. A. Graham, J. H. Jones, D. D., and T. W. Henderson, D. D., were chosen as the Judges of the essay contest.

Papers were read on the following subjects: "Shall our Theological Seminary be Abandoned?" by T. J. Askew and S. P. West; "The Personality of the Holy Ghost," by H. A. Grant.

The time limit for each paper was fixed at twenty minutes. The judges made the following report and awards:

S. P. West, 93⅓%, awarded first prize of $10.00; H. A. Grant, 88⅓%, second prize of $5.00; and T. J. Askew, 86⅔%, third prize of $2.50.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. Graham,
J. H. Jones,
T. W. Henderson.

The Treasurer, Rev. B. Wheeler, made the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Remaining in hand from last year	$19.25
Received from dues etc. this year	32.50
Total in hand	$51.75
Paid to S. P. West for prize	$10.00
Paid to H. A. Grant for prize	5.00
Paid to T. J. Askew for prize	2.50
Total Expenditures	$17.50
Balance in Treasury	$34.25

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN WHEELER, Treasurer.

Rev. R. Brown was elected Vice President; Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace, Secretary; and Rev. B. Wheeler, Treasurer.

The Society adjourned.

B. F. LEE, President,
S. B. MORRIS, Secretary.

At 2:30 the Conference resumed its regular business, and the report of the Committee on the Fourth Year Studies was taken from the table and adopted, and Bros. Toney J. Askew, John W. Brown, Samuel B. Morris, Elijah R. Bazier and Eli McKnight were elected to the office of Elder in the African M. E. Church.

The Rev. Mr. Chalfant, of the M. E. Church, Brownsville, and Rev. S. C. Williams, of the Virginia Conference, were introduced, and Bishop Lee announced the transfer of Bro. Williams, from the Virginia Conference of the A. M. E. Church, to the Pittsburg Conference.

Revs. W. H. Brown and J. P. Stephens were granted leave of absence when necessary, to attend a lawsuit in Altoona involving the A. M. E. church property in that city.

A letter of greeting from Bessie V. Morris, a Pittsburg Conference Student at Wilberforce University, was read by the Conference Secretary, and referred to the Committee on College and Seminary Students.

A letter from Bro. Sylvester Burrell, Allegheny, regretting his absence from the conference, was read by the Secretary.

Dr. Bentley offered a resolution in respect to the annual sermon preached by Rev. C. A. McGee, and the same was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The report of the Dollar Money Committee was read by Rev. B. H. Lee. (Report not given to Publishing Committee.)

The report was received and adopted.

Rev. M. P. Cole read his report from the church in Erie.

The committee appointed to examine the marital status of Bro. John W. Amiss, reported by Rev. C. Wright, showing said status to be satisfactory, and Bro. Amiss eligible to admission on trial. The report was received and adopted.

Bros. John W. Hayes, Elijah R. Bazier and Harry J. Williams were called before the altar, and after being solemnly obligated by Bishop Lee, were received into full connection in the A. M. E. Church. At the same time, the following brethren were obligated and received into the traveling connection on trial: Levin V. Jones, John A. Latterbury, Charles E. Wheeler, John W. Amiss, Charles Adison and A. C. Hayes.

The Committee on Public Worship reported by Rev. T. A. Green.

Conference adjourned with benediction by P. A. Scott.

Evening Session.

Conference reconvened at 8 o'clock, and Rev. Sandy Christian led the devotional exercises. The choir sang a beautiful anthem, "The Lord shall comfort Zion."

The character of Bros. M. P. Cole and T. A. Green were examined and passed.

The Bishop stated that he had just received a telegram from President S. T. Mitchell, regretting his failure to make railroad connection in Pittsburg, hence his inability to be present at the Educational meeting this evening.

The following report of the Committee on Wilberforce University was read by Dr. J. W. Gazaway:

Report of the Committee on Wilberforce University.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee appointed on the University offer the following as their report:

The importance and necessity of Wilberforce University are subjects that are readily admitted by all concerned or acquainted with the work—past, present and future—of the A. M. E. Church.

The matter of the ample support of the institution, is that that calls for our consideration and demands our hearty support.

Wilberforce has made an important history in connection with the A. M. E. Church. And all that under God has been accomplished through her agency is but an index pointing to greater triumphs.

There should be throughout our connection undivided interest in our first educational institution. Wilberforce University has made it possible for all the other of our educational institutions by awaking a spirit of interest in and furnishing many of our teachers for the work of education under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church.

We cannot forget the words of Bishop Payne, spoken through the columns of the *Christian Recorder* the last Endowment Day he lived. We here reproduce his burning words.

He said: "The work of Christian Education is the work which God has summoned the A. M. E. Church to aid.

"It is called Christian to distinguish it from a literary, scientific, or philosophic education, not one of which can make a man or a race what the Creator designed every man and every race to be.

"All these forms of learning puffeth up, and make the race and the individual arrogant, proud, boastful, cruel and devilish.

"Christian education makes men modest, humble, holy, benevolent, Christ-like.

"Christian education is the power that can elevate a man, and a race, and put them upon a plain of fine moral sensibilities and consciousness."

Our beloved University is designed to thus educate and bless the individual and the race. Wilberforce should be amply endowed, so that the work for God and the race may not be retarded.

The whole connection should band every effort to secure the proper Endowment of the University. And we here pledge ourselves as a Conference and individuals to do all that we can do to make the University a success.

CORNELIOUS ASBURY,
W. H. BROWN,
J. W. GAZAWAY.

Pending the adoption of the report, Dr. C. Asbury made a very brilliant speech, referring to the work and influence of Wilberforce University, and relationship which that institution sustains to our great Church. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Payne Theological Seminary was read as follows, by Rev. W. S. Lowry:

Report of Committee on Payne Theological Seminary.

To the Bishop and Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The subject, Payne Theological Seminary, is one of unequaled interest in the A. M. E. Church in the spreading of the Redeemer's kingdom. In the establishment of this institution we have begun a great task, causing the civilized world to turn their eyes and attention to our church connection.

But it yet remains to be seen whether we are capable of leading on, and successfully controlling such an institution, thus enabling us to meet the demands that God, the race, and the Church have laid upon us.

The demand is upon us in the education of our ministry, as is with all other professions;—that there is no room for the unskilled profession. And, above all other professions, the ministry must be thoroughly qualified for the work. Man's all and eternal importance is placed upon the ministry.

The seminaries are designed to enlighten and develop the God in man, properly preparing him to martial and mobilize the Christian

army against sin and the devil, putting the evil to flight. We are to bring the world into harmony with the will of God; and the principles of righteousness to all are to rule the world. These institutions are to teach the ministry to conform to His will and submit to the dictations of the Holy Spirit.

And above all a fully enlightened conscience, which must be properly trained. When all of our higher sensibilities are once directed into the proper channel, we are doubly armed with the weapons to successful ministry.

ENDOWMENT.

Are we able to endow Payne Theological Seminary? To do this is will require an individual effort on the part of the whole church.

With strong, active men at the head of our institutions, there can be no failure.

We might make no mistakes in assisting some two or three of our most earnest, energetic young men, who have already won success, in sending them abroad to obtain a thorough training, thus bringing them in touch with the brain and wealth of the world, which would serve to the lifting up of Payne's Seminary and the race.

Have we an over-supply of ministers? I confess this is a hard question to answer, but I am inclined to say no. While I admit that there is a great amount of ineffective and ill-adapted material in the ministry, yet we are greatly handicapped for ministers that can win success. I would be understood to say, I am not in favor of paying men to enter the ministry, while it is identical in principle with scholarships in colleges. The theologue or student ought to have a spur in his conviction, and be in dead earnest in securing his education by his own efforts, yet this principle may not apply to all cases.

We should be very careful in educating or helping young men in the ministry. Every regularly enlisted minister is *supported;* we can never have too many volunteers. Drafted men, and those enlisting for bounty are generally failures. The ministry is not overcrowded with good and efficient men. Those who are called of God do not fail, and do not go about seeking churches and perpetually changing their

fields of work. Men who are fully in earnest do not need any spoon-feeding in their appointments. They have gotten a live spark from the altar. They speak and work and stay at their posts, and make it strong because God is with them. If the church is weak and the material is there they build up the work.

No inducement ought to be offered the young man to enter the ministry. God's offer and the fire in his soul will bring success. Too many men are charmed with the offer of large salaries to leave the work where they are most needed with God's promise to their success. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the theological schools should charge some room rent and board, and no student shall be wholly exempt from meeting these obligations; and be it further

Resolved, That we will use every endeavor to secure the endowment of Payne Seminary, and an advanced faculty to our church school. Be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the Pittsburg Conference, pledge our united support to Rev. D. A. Graham in his efforts to liquidate the debt on Payne Theological Seminary, and that we will assist him in his canvass among the wealthy people of the community in which we are stationed.

W. S. Lowry,
R. H. Morris,
S. P. West,
J. P. Wallace.

Pending its adoption, Rev. D. A. Graham, Agent for Payne Seminary, delivered a very strong address, setting forth some very practical plans for the aid of said institution. The report was adopted.

Dr. C. S. Smith made a strong appeal for contributions for the University and Seminary, and paid a high compliment to the Pittsburg Conference, calling it the "star Conference of the connection," and saying, "the average intelligence of the members of this Conference weighs more to the square inch, than any body of negroes within the broad domain of the Church of Allen." His address was a masterly effort, and gave all present a much higher conception of the the needs of our educational institutions.

Rev. W. S. Lowry gave notice that tomorrow morning he would move a reconsideration of the report on Payne Seminary. A public collection for Payne Seminary was raised, amounting to $10.04.

Dr. J. H. Jones, of Zanesville, O., asked the members of conference for large subscriptions for the College and Seminary, with the following results:

Subscriptions for Education.

	Paid.	Subscribed.
Bishop B. F. Lee	$ 10.00	$ 15.00
W. H. Brown	1.00	10.00
D. F. Caliman	2.00	5.00
C. A. McGee	5.00	20.00
C. Asbury	5.00	15.00
G. C. Sampson	10.00	10.00
D. S. Bentley	10.00	10.00
B. Wheeler	5.00	5.00
W. S. Lowry	14.00	11.00
C. N. Woodson	5.00	5.00
G. G. Skinner	4.00	6.00
C. Wright	1.00	5.00
J. W. Gazaway	7.00	18.00
J. J. Norris	1.00	5.00
R. H. Morris	5.00	10.00
A. Smothers	3.00	7.00
W. N. Young	1.00	4.00
R. Brown	1.00	5.00
P. A. Scott	5.00	5.00
A. E. Walden	1.00	1.00
J. W. Jeffries	5.00	10.00
S. P. West	1.00	7.00
J. P. Q. Wallace	1.00	4.00
I. B. Till		7.00
S. C. Honesty	1.00	5.00
R. H. Bumry	10.00	10.00
Mrs. J. W. Gazaway	5.00	5.00

	Paid.	Subscribed.
Miss Jane Gazaway	$	$ 5.00
S. Christian	2.00	4.50
T. J. Simmons	1.00	2.00
R. M. Henderson	2.00	6.00
S. A. Lewis	1.00	4.00
H. A. Grant	3.00	8.00
B. H. Lee		10.00
G. W. Webster		4.00
J. P. Stephens	1.00	5.00
O. T. Davis	1.00	4.00
T. A. J. West	1.00	5.00
B. A. L. Powell	1.00	2.00
J. M. Wilkes	1.00	2.00
J. C. Williams		5.00
E. R. Bazier	2.00	5.00
E. McKnight	1.00	2.00
M. S. Jones	1.00	4.00
J. E. Morris	1.00	5.00
T. J. Askew	2.00	5.00
J. W. Brown	4.00	5.00
J. S. Eaton	1.00	2.00
C. N. Butts	50	2.50
F. E. Bowser	1.00	4.00
C. J. Powell	2.00	5.00
S. B. Morris	1.00	1.00
M. P. Cole		5.00
G. T. Smith	1.00	1.00
J. W. Hayes	5.00	5.00
A. C. Hayes		3.00
L. V. Jones		2.00
J. A. Latterbury	1.00	4.00
C. H. Arnold		2.00
E. E. Obrient	2.00	2.00
P. W. Douse	5.00	

	Paid.	Subscribed.
P. Bowman	$ 1.00	$ 5.00
C. Adison		3.00
D. K. Davis	5.00	
Total	$169.50	$363.00

Total, contribution, cash and subscriptions $542.54

Bishop Lee asked the Preachers' Aid Society to meet at 8:30 tomorrow morning, and said the delegates to the General Conference will be elected at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Revs. J. P. Q. Wallace, D. F. Caliman, and W. S. Lowry were appointed Committee on the Connectional Preachers' Aid Association.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Rev. R. M. Henderson.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 14, 1899.

At 8:30 o'clock the Conference Preachers' Aid Society was called to order by the President, Rev. P. A. Scott, and the following business transacted:

Minutes of the Preachers' Aid Society.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 14, 1899.

The Preachers' Aid Society convened at 8:30 o'clock, with the President, Rev. P. A. Scott, in the chair.

"Talk with us Lord," was announced by Rev. R. H. Morris, and sung. Bro. E. E. Obrient led in prayer.

The roll was called by Secretary I. B. Till, and the members paid their annual dues and death assessments amounting in all to $94.50.

By motion of T. J. Askew the balance due on the funeral expenses of Rev. W. H. Pride, was allowed.

Motion by Dr. Gazaway, that the present Board of officers be re-elected. R. Brown moved to substitute the name of S. Christian instead of P. A. Scott, for President. Motion lost.

Motion by Dr. Bentley that the name of H. A. Grant be substituted for T. J. Askew as Vice-President. Lost.

The original motion prevailed, electing P. A. Scott, President; T. J. Askew, Vice-President; I. B. Till, Secretary; and B. Wheeler, Treasurer. Adjourned to meet at call of President.

Adjourned Session of Preachers' Aid Society.

By order of Bishop Lee, the Preacher's Aid Society reconvened on Monday, October 16, at 4 P. M., and the report of the Executive Board was read as follows by the Secretary, J. W. Jeffries:

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 14, 1899.

The Executive Board met, with Rev. R. H. Morris presiding.

The claims of the following persons were carefully examined by the Board: J. S. Eaton, Eli McKnight, T. J. Askew, J. P. Wallace, J. W. Riley, D. S. Bentley, J. J. Norris, C. Asbury, C. Garner and C. N. Butts.

The claims of D. S. Bently, J. J. Norris, J. P. Wallace, C. Asbury, Charles Garner and C. N. Butts, were not accompanied by Doctor's certificates, hence the Board could not allow them.

Bro. Eaton, at the time of his illness, was unfinancial in the Society, hence his claim is not granted.

We recommend the payment of the following:

Eli McKnight, five weeks illness	$15.00
T. J. Askew, two weeks illness	6.00
T. J. Askew, borrowed money at the death of W. H. Pride	15.00
J. W. Riley, two weeks illness	5.00
Total	$41.00

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MORRIS,
B. H. LEE,
J. W. JEFFRIES.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion of W. H. Brown, the claim of Dr. Asbury was allowed.

Motion by J. W. Riley that all claims be equalized according to time of illness. Carried.

The Society adjourned.

P. A. Scott, President.
Ishmael B. Till, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

Received from Rev. G. C. Sampson, Ex-Treasurer	$ 77.14
Death assessment for funeral of Bro. R. Tanner	1.25
From I. B. Till, Secretary	48.25
Death assessment from the members	46.50
Total	$173.14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid sick dues, A. R. Palmer	$ 6.00
" " " S. Christian	6.00
" " " W. S. Lowry	6.00
" " " C. Garner	18.00
" " " E. McKnight	15.00
" " " J. S. Eaton	12.00
" " " C. Asbury	10.00
" " " J. W. Riley	9.00
" " " T. J. Askew	6.00
" " " J. J. Norris	1.50
" " " S. A. Lewis	1.50
Total sick dues	$ 91.00
Paid funeral of R. Tanner	$ 1.25
" " " W. H. Pride	61.25
Loaned to hospital fund	7.10
Paid to I. B. Till for stationery	2.00
" for postal cards	.75

Paid for stationery and post-office orders	$ 2.00
Total disbursed	$165.35
Balance in treasury	$7.79

B. WHEELER, Treasurer.

At 10 o'clock Conference proceeded to the order of the day, the election of delegates to the General Conference, which meets in Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1900.

Dr. S. T. Mitchell, A. M., D. D., arrived, and was introduced to the Conference.

A motion prevailed that three names should be placed on each ballot. President S. T. Mitchell and Dr. C. S. Smith were elected clerks, and Drs. T. W. Henderson and J. H. Jones, tellers.

There were five ballots cast, resulting in the election of D. F. Caliman, G. G. Skinner, and Dr. C. Asbury, as delegates, and D. S. Bentley, W. H. Brown, and C. A. McGee, alternates.

The Lay delegates to said General Conference, elected in Allegheny, Pa., June 22, 1899, were Walter E. Billows, of Pittsburg, and R. H. Baker, of Washington. Alternates, L. H. Wright, of Canonsburg, and Mrs. John Edwards, West Morgantown, W. Va.

Motion by J. W. Jeffries prevailed, that a vote of thanks be tendered the clerks and tellers.

The successful contestants for General Conference honors thanked the brethren for their support, and Conference adjourned, with benediction by Dr. C. S. Smith.

Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order at 2:30 o'clock, and, after a song, Bro. J. W. Amiss led in prayer.

The following report of the committee on Bible Cause, was read by Rev. G. W. Webster, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 16, 1899.

The Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to submit the following:

The Church is engaged in a great work, and has brought about some grand results. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, fearing a great scarcity of Bibles, and in order to be in readiness for the coming emergency, the Government demanded the purchase of 20,000 copies of the Book. At that time the cheapest edition could not be purchased for less then two dollars.

Through the work of the Bible Societies and the earnest prayers of faithful Christians, the Bible can now be purchased for the small sum of fifteen cents; the New Testament can be had now for five cents.

One of the special features of the work of the Church has been the distribution of the Word of God.

It is gratifying to note the efforts put forth to place in the hands of the soldier boys, who have gone out in defence of the honor and flag of their country, that blessed Book that carries to them light in darkness, wisdom in ignorance, strength in weakness, life in the midst of death.

It is the design of the great Ruler of the universe to make use of these means for the benefit of those who heretofore may have been indifferent as to their spiritual welfare.

It is the business of the Bible Societies to present to the world the Book that Sir Walter Scott called for on his death bed. He said, "Bring me *the Book*; give me something from *the* Book." They asked him what book, and he replied, "There is only one *Book*, and that is the *Bible*."

Carlyle, the great philosopher, said: "There never was a book like the Bible, and there never can be."

Sir Isaac Newton said, "The *sublimest philosophy* is the philosophy of the *Bible*."

Milton, the great Poet, said: "There is no song to be compared with the song of the Bible."

Even Rousseau, the infidel, was often heard to say, "The Bible is perfectly *inimitable*."

The central idea of the Bible is to present to the world the most authentic and entertaining history ever published.

It is the learned man's masterpiece; it is every man's masterpiece. It is the *greatest testament* ever signed,—the greatest deed ever written!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Raised by the Wheeling District	$ 4.46
Raised by the Allegheny District	11.12
Raised by the Pittsburg District	7.51
Total	$23.09

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. WEBSTER,
J. E. MORRIS,
ELI MCKNIGHT.

Rev. J. P. Stephens read the following report of the Committee on Temperance:

Report of Committee on Temperance.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

Your Committee comes forward to present the result of labor assigned us under the title "Temperance." We beg leave to express our claim, that in our humble judgment, we find that the evil of intemperance is neither fictitious, fragile, nor simple. But real and stubborn, gigantic and formidable, serious, complexed and distressing.

It is real, for although past centuries have witnessed the erection of the first shrine to the mythical Bacchus, and the establishment of the vomica became an indispensable furniture in the homes of the ancient Greeks and Romans, who reveled, and made themselves prostitutes to the bowl; and Cato, a specimen of their moral philosophers, taught, and pronounced drunkenness to be honorable; nevertheless, practical and convincing evidences have been abundantly brought forward to prove, and to establish, that the evil of drunkenness is no myth, but stubbornly a real fact, a crime, a degradation, and a destruction that menaces the salvation of mankind.

It is also true, that the ancients, down to our present nations, have allowed themselves to be lullabied in the cradle of this drunken god, and the reveling songs of the debauched have kept them for century after century still sleeping over this engulfing Vesuvius, that has been multiplying human woes, pouring in sorrows, increasing wretchedness, producing shame, and has given as an heirloom to generations after generations, a premature drunkard's grave.

But now, we joy in the light of this glorious, promising era. For the power of this advancing, Christianizing and spreading civilization has broken in, and has greatly arrested the progress of this hydra, and has so exposed the result of his worship, that today the old and the new world have been awakened to behold with revolting horrors the human wreck brought about by intemperance. So that in this last quarter of this wonderful closing nineteenth century, Europe, Asia, Africa and America have become a unit in declaring in no uncertain tone that intemperance is a real, stubborn, and formidable foe to our Christian civilization.

We claim the evil to be gigantic, because the development that intemperance has attained is not of a few decades, but centuries following centuries have witnessed the growth, and universal sway of this great evil—drunkenness. So that it now resembles in nature the deadly Asiatic upas tree, destroying all that come under its influence; rooted in the midst of mankind, proudly towering above the miseries of its fallen victims; spreading its virus defiantly against all efforts, polluting our pulpits, contaminating our sanctuary, and quaffing the vitality of our children from a drunkard's bowl. And to such an extent that pagan and Christian nations alike have been brought to view with bewilderment the appalling result of this great evil, which has forced from them the acknowledgment that intemperance is a gigantic and formidable foe.

Were you ever an eye-witness to a trial in a case of life and death to the poor unfortunate? Did you ever watch the serious expressions upon the countenances of those in sympathy with the criminal? Did you ever observe that on the return of the jury, what a remarkable hush? the breathless silence, and that awful suspense that

pervades the court room, and caused the hearts of those solicitous ones to almost cease their throbbings, while waiting upon the judge? You have. Then this is the attitude of the present crisis in which temperance stands against intemperance, locked in a fierce struggle in view of a triumph over this subtle monster, and the Church is the judge, upon whom the world waits for an unqualified decision against this horrible and serious evil.

I am unable to bring my mind to believe, that the increase of years will ever be able to erase from the pages of history the serious crisis, and the attitude of the Free Church of Scotland in her great agitation in 1846 over the question of whether they were justified in accepting contribution of the American slaveholders, the price of blood, into their treasury, to support missionaries and build churches.

Public meeting succeeded public meeting, speech after speech, pamphlets after pamphlets, editorial after editorial, sermon after sermon, lashed the conscientious Scotch people into a perfect furore.

"Send back the money," was indignantly shouted from Greenock to Edinburgh, and from Edinburgh to Aberdeen. In large capitals stared from every street corner, "Send back the money." "Send back the money" adorned the broad flags of the pavements of the streets. "Send back the money" was the chorus of the popular song. "Send back the money" was the heading of the leading editorials in the daily newspapers.

The great Dr. Chalmers, Cunningham, and Candlish were in favor of retaining the money, against Thompson, Wright and Buffum. Two thousand and five hundred persons, sat, stood, and listened in almost breathless silence, waiting for the conclusion of this great and grave agitation. And the fatal moment did come. For in the face of all reason, Dr. Cunningham was bringing all of his argument to a point where he claimed that neither Jesus Christ, nor his holy Apostles regarded slaveholding as a sin, when at this crisis the able George Thompson with three words in a rebuking tone broke the stillness of the audience by exclaiming, Hear! Hear! Hear! The effect of this simple, but timely exclamation, was like that of a gigantic wall flung up against the advancing current of a mighty

river. For a moment speaker and audience were brought to a dead silence. Both the Dr. and his hearers seemed to be appalled by the audacity as well as the fitness of the rebuke. For the exclamation of Thompson echoed, and reechoed, not only through the arches of that vast building, but perhaps a thousand times through the memory of Dr. Cunningham.

However, the Church committed herself, she smothered her conscience and held on to the blood-stained money.

Today human slavery is forever gone. But now, we are not only confronted and agitated over our condition of human wretchedness, nourished by intemperance, but we are encompassed about by the mighty arm of this daring, threatening evil that has gained so large a latitude to demoralize the nation with licenses granted by the passive attitude of Church and State, and which is flaunted defiantly in the faces of its helpless victims. And the solicitude of parents for the safeguard of their children, the protests, rebukes, and the annual multiplication of crimes, diseases, and impoverishments brought upon this nation by intemperance, have apparently gained for temperance no sympathy, but instead, a compromise attitude only has been taken against this mighty foe.

Is it extravagant, then, when we claim, that from evidences, our minds are forced to give admission to a conclusion, that this nation, with others, has become like unto the Free Church of Scotland, with smothered conscience, heartless, blind, and insusceptible of our anguish, while drunkenness, drinking, and draining our heart's blood, and gnawing away the strong cord of affection that binds husband to wife, and children to parents, and are offering them in sacrifice upon the altar of this prostitute, drunken god?

This we claim to be serious, and because we are unable to harmonize and reconcile this attitude, we also claim for it a complexed condition. A problem that almost invites despair of ever being solved, and a foe that defies the arms of combined nations to vanquish.

For when we are brought face to face, and are made to gaze in amazement upon pages of frightful and distressing alarms which

indicate in print, and declare in plain language, that an ex-chief magistrate of this nation, a professor in Theology, and three others of Princeton University, with three distinguished women, mothers of distinguished sons, have all combined, and have signed their names to a petition for the granting of license to sell rum to destroy the strength of this nation, and our present chief magistrate still remains passive upon the canteen law in the army and navy, and that in the face of all the imploring petitions brought forward to prove that the use of whiskey and beer in the canteen have produced more destruction among our soldiers than all the fevers of Santiago and the bullets of the Spanish soldiers put together, and—upon this we repeat the claim,—that the attitude of Church and State upon this momentous question, is most distressing and complexed, and would cause us to believe that our desire to drive from our midst this destructive hydra,— we may as well offer an attack upon the impregnable Gibraltar.

It cost England many days and nights, with patience, with blood and courage to drive Spain from so strong a fortification, but she ultimately captured Gibraltar.

The beginning of intemperance is immemorial, and we assert this from the broadness of its foundation, and strength of its power. It has been only sixty-six years since the temperance cause commenced to shape itself into serious thoughts and conventions. But as England did succeed in driving Spain from her fortifications, and has made Gibraltar the strongest gate-way of the world, we believe that the cause of temperance is destined to triumph over intemperance, and her banners float over the gate-way of all nations.

Statistics show upon the face that although the cause of temperance is gaining daily, and her followers and advocates are encouraged, yet the power and result of drunkenness in Europe and America alone is of the most alarming and distressing condition.

And rum is not playing the part of this destruction alone. Opium, with its increasing dens, is destroying some of our finest women and men. The use of cigarettes is not only devouring the mental capacity of our men and boys, but our women and girls are

fallen victims. Tobacco still stalks with human legs and mars the sanctity of our churches, pulpits and homes. The use of snuff and chewing gum still disfigures the faces of our Christian mothers and daughters, and the wages of hard toil, that should provide shelter and food for nations,—the strong arm of these combined vices grasp them all, and give in return poverty and shame.

England spends $91,202,829 for the support of breweries. And America spends annually $1,000,000,000 for drinks. In 1897 American beer makers produced 35,000,000 barrels of beer and an ocean of tears.

Allowing eleven feet frontage for each, the saloons of America would line both sides of a street, reaching from Washington, D. C., to Kansas City. And yet day by day we are brought to behold with pain and sadness the poverty and want produced by this damnable evil; and day by day our amazement is increased, because we find that the Christian nations give tolerance and latitude to this enemy to bring misery and devastation their subjects, and apparently oppress the poor to produce money to purchase death.

Nevertheless, because Jehovah is the God of hosts, and victory for His cause belongs to Him, we believe that temperance must, and temperance shall, triumph over intemperance.

All of which your committee presents for your consideration.

J. P. Stephens,
Daniel Newsom,
S. Christian.

After strong temperance addresses by Revs. T. J. Smith, J. H. Jones, J. W. Gazaway. W. H. Palmer, D. A. Graham and J. W. Riley, the report was adopted.

The following memorial from the Alleghany District was read by the Secretary :

Memorial From the Allegheny District.

To the Presiding Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D., and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, Greeting:

We, the members of Allegheny Presiding Elder's district, in our annual district meeting assembled, beg to submit through our Secre-

tary the following memorials for your consideration, praying for their endorsement and asking you to place them in the hands of the delegates-elect to the General Conference, with instructions that an earnest effort be made to the end that they may become a part of the disciplinary laws of our Church.

I. WHEREAS local preachers under the present law get their licenses through the District Conferences and also have them renewed by the same body; therefore be it

Resolved, That no license be given to any local preacher or renewed for any local preacher not in attendance at the conference (the district conference) at the time of the issuing or renewal of said license by the Conference.

II. WHEREAS, in our district we have several grievous financial burdens in the form of church debts—some of which seem almost unmanageable, and the spiritual homes of some of our brethren and sisters are thus in jeopardy; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions herein described are becoming common to every section of the country, and embarrassing almost every Conference to the extent of seriously impeding even the spiritual growth of our church; therefore be it

Resolved, That whenever and wherever a pastor and people contemplate the erection of a new church-building, or doing extensive remodeling to one already erected, one-half of the actual maximum cost of said building or remodeling must be in hand or available; and taking into actual calculation the numerical and financial strength of the people composing the membership of the church, there is a reasonable assurance that all the obligations of the contract will be promptly met: and all of these conditions submitted to the annual Conference within whose bounds the building or remodeling is to be done, or in the interim of Conference the report is to be made to an advisory board elected by said Conference for that especial purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. CALIMAN, Presiding Elder,
S. P. WEST, Secretary.

A motion by Dr. Gazaway, to strike out of the petition the reference to a "Conference Advisory Committee" was lost.

A motion by Dr. Asbury, to strike out that portion of the petition which would make it absolutely obligatory upon local preachers to attend the district conference, in order to have their licenses renewed, prevailed. The petition, as amended, was adopted, and ordered printed in the Conference minutes.

Dr. C. S. Smith was again introduced, and delivered an inimitable address, presenting a beautiful portrayal of the history and work of the A. M. E. Sunday-school Union (of which he is a founder), and his earnest endeavors to make and distribute a literature which is the direct product of the brain and skill of the African Methodist Church. He closed with a peroration that completely electrified the Conference.

Bishop Lee spoke of an electrotype plate of the Pittsburg Conference, which he had secured, and urged the Conference to procure it.

On motion by Rev. W. S. Lowry, the Conference was ordered to appropriate the sum of $20.00 to pay for the Conference plate.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Dr. Smith.

Evening Session.

Conference was called to order at 8 o'clock, by Dr. C. Asbury, and after singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," Bro. C. J. Powell led in prayer. "A charge to keep I have" was sung, and the minutes of the Friday sessions were read and approved.

Rev. T. J. Askew gave notice that he would ask for the elimination of that portion of the Friday morning records which refer to the misunderstanding between Revs W. H. Brown and J. W. Riley.

The report of the Committee on Endowment Day was read by Rev. G. C. Sampson, as follows:

Report of Committee on Endowment Day.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 14, 1899.

We, your Committee on Endowment, beg leave to make the following report: We feel grateful to report progress on the onward

march toward the enterprising spirit of our people in the endowment interest of this Conference, in sustaining our institutions of learning—especially Payne Theological Seminary.

We are in advance of last year. We raised this year $455.97, which is an advance of $110.12. The Educational department of our Church has been steadily advancing since the far-seeing S. T. Mitchell, President of Wilberforce, recommended in May 1884, that grand auxiliary to be added to our Church as one of its permanent features—Endowment Day, which has been a potent power of the Church, and which we hope ere long will find echo in every church everywhere, and may they declare that our institutions of learning must be endowed, because no institution can properly do its work without the necessary means behind it to bridge it over the vast drouth that institutions of learning have to endure.

It is said we are doing all we can in this grand work. I ask, is it true? I reply, no, our hearts are much pained as we see some of our brethern of this boasted leading conference of ours coming up year after year, paying only a part and making excuses, when many of them are using far more ruinous luxuries, as they call it, that would more than pay their full subscriptions.

We, therefore, urge each of our brethern to not only bestir themselves, but use all of their powers to induce their members to make a sacrifice for Christian education in our church work. This interest of the Church must be made a success, because it is the only salvation of pulpit and pew. Farther,

Resolved, That we shall not be contented until we shall see the institution endowed to the amount of $100,000, as set as the standard by our revered and sainted Bishop Daniel A. Payne.

GEO. C. SAMPSON,
JOHN W. RILEY,
S. B. MORRIS.

The report was commended by Dr. S. T. Mitchell, Revs. T. J. Askew and H. A. Grant, and was adopted.

Rev. H. T. Johnson, D. D., Ph. D., arrived and was introduced to the Conference.

The following report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by Dr. D. S. Bentley, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the above subject, submit the following report:

No phase of our Church work should wane for lack of wise, earnest, faithful labor upon the part of both laymen and ministerial servants of God.

In the engagements of each passing year, new developments and perplexing problems make it necessary to readjust our plans in order to grapple successfully with conditions born of our times. The history of the Christian Church, of nations as well, can only entertain the intelligent reader by relating events of the past, which shaped the lives and gave impetus to those who have gone before. That the Church of Christ has a responsible stewardship, there can be no question. The salvation of the human race awaits its action. In this age of great benevolence, millions of money is being given for the purpose of creating and beautifying parks; in the meantime hundreds of thousands are spent in erecting libraries, etc., all of which add much to the civilization of a great country. But a church building for the common people in every place where they are located in reasonable numbers, is an absolule necessity.

Other public buildings take their definite forms of service and in a way meet the growing demands of the age. Can a church afford to do less? A town is never complete without church buildings of sufficient capacity to accomodate all its people. The twentieth century rally, as suggested by the Rev. L. J. Coppin, if made a success would of necessity embrace the work of constructing scores of church buildings for destitute communities, and thus bestow an inestimable blessing upon the coming century. The losses or slow growth of Methodism at the close of this century is very generally conceded. This should, in some way, be accounted for.

Country towns and villages, that used to flourish with churches and church-going people, are in many instances left desolate. The

people are crowding into the large cities in order to satisfy themselves with surroundings and conditions which do not come to them in country life. Hence the Church must adjust itself to this new condition, and thereby furnish its Extension Board with sufficient funds to erect church buildings, to the end that this growing city population may be amply accommodated.

Now, to accomplish this most important work, the Church Extension cause should be placed side by side with the missionary cause in its separate and independent presentation to the people, and not be handicapped by other interests crowded in on such occasions.

In speaking of the rapid influx into cities, we would not leave the impression that there is not great need of church buildings in rural districts Hundreds of people in remote places have no church accommodation and cannot build one without help from those blessed with larger financial facilities. In these remote communities are children without proper Christian training, whose claims upon a Christian people possessing wealth and intelligence, are of the first importance.

Thus, in the mind of the Committee, the demand for help is far greater than the present income. It is estimated that the demands of of our Church Extension Department in any fiscal year will aggregate $50,000. Compare this with an income which can be counted on with certainty of from $12,000 to $15,000, out of which the current expenses of the office, with that of the annual meetings of the Board, and the salary of the Secretary is to be paid.

The amount collected in the last fiscal year was $15,403.25; this with $6,400.85 brought forward from the previous year, made a total of $23,803.26. Of this amount, the report of the secretary showed that $10,700 has been appropriated to loans, donations, to needy churches, schools, etc. Yet the report shows a balance of $8,798.85.

In the light of facts and the information received through the annual statement of the Secretary, your Committee is impressed that nothing but the most careful and economic management could have given to the Extension cause such grand results; and that the Connect-

ion should congratulate itself on having a man at the head of the department possessing such rare business qualities.

The amount raised by the Third Episcopal District last year was $883.30. Of that amount this Conference raised $292.15, leaving $591.15 raised by three other Conferences. While we are greatly encouraged with these growing results, we see a need of closer cooperation of the laity with the ministry in a cause which means so much in the conquest of the world for God, and, therefore, urge that renewed efforts upon the part of the Church and ministry are necessary to the accomplishment of this great end.

We repeat with emphasis, that the very idea of public worship has in all ages impressed the people with some designated place to meet in religious worship. The Pagans had their altar, the Jews their synagogues and magnificent temples. Can any branch of Christ's Church afford to do less in this advanced age of Christian civilization, with advantages far superior, and means more ample?

One fact must be kept in mind. Until the Church in its local, business life, learns to deal with the Church Extention Board, as with any other business institution, it will find its financial efforts greatly hindered. From what has already been accomplished under the most trying difficulties, we may estimate with a fair degree of clearness what might be the grand achievements for God and the glory of his kingdom among men, if the Board was given a broader sphere in which to operate.

D. S. Bentley,
I. B. Till,
B. H. Lee.

The Secretary read the annual statement of the Church Extension Department, which was ordered placed in the minutes.

Annual Statement of the Board of Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brethern, Greeting:—It is with a sense of especial pleasure that once more we are permitted to submit for your consideration, and insertion in the conference minutes for the

information of the lay members, a brief summary of the work of the Department of Church Extension for the year ending April 30th, 1899.

This department, viewed in the light not only of the work already accomplished, but in the purpose and scope of its possibilities for future development and helpfulness, cannot fail to inspire confidence and appreciation of the efforts for the unifying and systematizing of the connectional energies along the lines of church extension and development.

Not that we have by any means done all we could have desired, and yet the work of the past is certainly an encouraging prophecy of what the future will be under vigorous and loyal support of both the ministry and laity of the church.

Along business lines we confess there needs to be a more general recognition of the necessity of strict business integrity and promptness in the discharge of business obligations. As much so with ourselves as with other monetary institutions from which money is secured for our church work, all of which, however, is to be the result of persistent training or education of the ministry and laity, but must come in the course of our development along business lines.

If the accrued interest which is due the department was promptly paid, it would greatly increase the hopefulness of this department, and we beg the Bishops, presiding elders and pastors to give us their united support in our efforts to have the interest promptly met annually.

The receipts for the fiscal year have been as follows:

10 per cent. of the Dollar Money	$9,463 57	
From return of Loans	1,378 35	
By interest received on Loans and Deposits	888 92	
To be held in trust for Ohio Conference	70 00	
To be held in trust for Ontario Conference	50 00	
Special for Africa	7 00	
50 per cent. Children's Day Collection	3,553 41	
Total		$15,403 25
Carried over from previous year		8,400 61
Grand total handled		$23,803 86

EXPENDITURES.

Loans	$11,150 25	
Donations	656 89	
Interest	34 98	
Salary	1,350 00	
Traveling Expenses Secretary and Agents.	270 00	
Traveling Expenses of Board	600 58	
General Expenses	25 50	
Official Printing	25 55	
Children's Day Stamps	98 23	
Printing Children's Day	200 91	
Premiums	207 90	
Clerical Services	132 00	
Office Stamps and Postal Cards	68 96	
Stationary	18 84	
Miscellaneous	29 53	
Rent	100 00	
Baggage	13 00	
Attorney	4 50	
Telegrams	9 89	
Special	7 50	
Total		$15,005 01
Balance in Treasury		$8,798 85

The following is a general summary of receipts and expenditures of the department by years since its organization.

RECEIPTS.

1892–1893	$ 4,817 07	
1893–1894	11,896 56	
1894–1895	11,568 12	
1895–1896	12,119 55	
1896–1897	14,426 60	
1897–1898	17,252 99	
1898–1899	15,403 25	
Grand Total		$87,484 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

1892–1893	$ 3 96 10	
1893–1894	10,041 90	
1894–1895	12,052 35	
1895–1896	11,559 58	
1896–1897	14,420 14	
1897–1898	15,210 61	
1898–1899	15,005 01	
Grand Total		$78,685 19
Balance in Treasury		8,798 85
Grand Total		$87,484 04

ASSETS OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Loans outstanding to Churches	$44,743 27	
Loans outstanding to Colleges	1,676 00	
Loans outstanding to Publishing Department	310 00	
Total Loans		$46,719 27
By interest due		6,237 17
Grand Total outstanding		$52,956 44
Balance in Treasury		8,798 85
Grand Total Assets		$61,755 29

Yours for the glory of God and the Race,

C. T. SHAFFER, Secretary-Treasurer.

1821 North Camac Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

The following report of the Committee on Sunday-school Union was read by Rev. S. A. Lewis, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Sunday-school Union.

The Committee on the Sunday-school Union of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Pittsburg Conference, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Sunday-school Union of the A. M. E. Church is doing a great and glorious work, by its publications of periodicals and lesson helps on the Bible, which is the unerring word of inspiration, and contains all the information we need, especially with regard to the future destiny of man.

The history of this Society is a history-telling of a small beginning that has thriven into a great enterprise, which has won universal attention under the able management of Rev. C. S. Smith, D. D., Corresponding Secretary. We look back upon the scenes of its past history as from a mount of vision, and seeing that they are all marked with grand achievements, we hail with joy new proofs of the fulfillment of those promises of God, which woke the harps of the ancient prophets and nourished the hope of Israel, that a better day would come at the appointed time. The efforts put forth by the management of the Sunday school Union, and the success accomplished, and the difficulties outstripped, have won the confidence as well as the admiration of the Methodist world.

The youth of our Church must be taught to look higher and higher, and it is being taught as never before, that Christianity is not a tinkling cymbal nor a sounding brass, but that it is the inspiration of God, and that any violation of its law is a grievous wrong.

The publications of our Sunday-school Union are helping in a very large measure to wipe out and blot from memory the ghastly sights and ugly stains that environ our people.

In view of these facts we beseech every member of the Pittsburg Annual Conference to be up and doing with an eye single to the glory of God, and thus help the Sunday-school Union of the great African Methodist Episcopal Church, on to greater triumphs; first, by our prayers, and second by our money. While many of our poor schools have already been and are being helped from year to year, many more need aid. This can be done only by a large increase in our collections.

The following is the financial report for the present year by districts:

Pittsburg District	$ 63.87
Allegheny District	66.32
Wheeling District	39.10
Total	$169.29

An increase of $19.97 over last year.

Resolved, That every effort possible be put forth during the ensuing year by every member and pastor of the Pittsburg Conference to double the collection for the work of the Sunday school Union.

S. A. Lewis,
H. J. Williams,
J. S. Eaton.

The Conference Missionary Society went in session, and transacted the following business:

Minutes of the Conference Missionary Society.

Brownsville, Pa., Oct 13, 1899.

Conference Missionary Society met and was called to order by the chairman, Rev. W. H. Brown.

There being no time for other business, the secretary called the roll and the brethren present paid their dues of $1.00.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Bishop B. F. Lee,	B. Wheeler,	G. C. Sampson,
W. H. Brown,	C. Asbury,	J. W. Riley,
W. S. Lowry,	J. J. Norris,	D. S. Bentley,
D. F. Caliman,	G. G. Skinner,	A. Smothers,
W. N. Young,	J. W. Gazaway,	C. Wright,
S. Christian,	S. C. Honesty,	H. G. Thomas,
A. E. Waldon,	W. H. Palmer, M. D,	R. H. Morris,
J. W. Jeffries,	P. A. Scott,	C. A. McGee,
T. J. Simmons,	R. M. Henderson,	C. Garner,
S. A. Lewis,	D. Newsom,	H. A. Grant,
G. W. Webster,	I. B. Till,	J. P. Stephens,
S. P. West,	O. T. Davis,	R. H. Bumry,
T. A. J. West,	T. A. Green,	B. A. L. Powell,

B. H. Lee, J. P. Q. Wallace, R. Brown,
H. J. Williams, C. N. Woodson, W. N. Young,
M. P. Cole, E. Bazier, E. McKnight,
M. S. Jones, J. E. Morris, T. J. Askew,
J. W. Brown, S. B. Morris, J. S. Eaton,
J. W. Hayes, F. E. Bowser, G. B. Knox,
S. Burrells, P. W. Douse, R. H. Baker,
P. Bonman, C. Addison, T. B. Chambers,
C. Wheeler, E. E. Obrient, Pierce Moore,
C. N. Butts, G. T. Smith, J. Latterbury,
C. H. Arnold, W. M. Frazier, T. J. Smith,
A. C. Hayes, M. L. Nettles, L. V. Jones,
T. McDonald.

Amount collected, $77.90.

Election of officers resulted as follows: President, C. N. Woodson; Secretary, F. E. Bowser; Treasurer, R. Brown.

Adjournment.

W. H. Brown, President.
S. P. West, Secretary.

The choir sang a sweet song, and Contingent Committee raised a collection of $3.53.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries offered a resolution highly commending Dr. C. S. Smith and his work, which was adopted.

Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Rev. I. B. Till.

SUNDAY.

MORNING SERVICE.

Brownsville, Pa., October 15, 1899.

At 9:30 o'clock a very precious Love Feast was conducted by Revs. G. C. Sampson and Sandy Christian, in which all the ministers and a large congregation joyfully participated.

At 11 o'clock, Dr. H. T. Johnson announced Hymn 289, "High on His everlasting throne," which the Conference sang, and Rev. G. G. Skinner led in prayer. The choir sang "Father all holy."

Dr. J. W. Gazaway read Scripture lesson, 103rd Psalm. The Decalogue was read by Rev. L. W. White. "Trust and obey" was sung by the choir.

Bishop Lee selected as the sermon text, Luke 5:39, "No man having drunk old wine, desireth new."

"The address in this chapter has reference to instruction, which embraces Scripture teaching, to train and care for, support and influence the results of the Gospel. He is speaking of Himself in the new dispensation, of Divine government of the world. The influence of the fullness of the presence of God makes men feel the want of special companionship with God. No man can produce this happy companionship but the Bridegroom Himself. The Jewish people had lost their relationship with God, and it could only be renewed by Christ. Their bottles were all right for the ceremony and altar service, but Jesus brought to the world a new principle, or element, which He called being 'born again,' without which change no man shall see the Kingdom of Heaven. Christ must cleanse and enliven the heart, else it remains forever dead. His coming brought a consciousness that something was out of joint, and none but Christ, the Great Physician, can repair the breach. This element cannot be put into the 'old bottles;' they will not hold it."

The doctrine of Sanctification was very beautifully and forcibly set forth, and an earnest appeal made to all to live holy lives. Rev. B. Wheeler led in prayer.

Ordination of Elders.

The Committee on Fourth Year Studies presented at the altar the following brethren: Toney J. Askew, John W. Brown, Eli McKnight, Joseph E. Morris, Elijah R. Bazier and Samuel B. Morris, who were solemnly ordained Elders in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, by the imposition of the hands of Bishop B. F.

Lee, assisted by Revs. C. Asbury, B. Wheeler, W. S. Lowry and G. C. Sampson.

The Sacrement was administered, the elements being consecrated by Dr. H. T. Johnson. The congregation extended to each other the right hand of fellowship.

A collection was raised amounting to $12.16, and Bishop Lee pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon Service.

At 3 o'clock Bishop Lee announced Hymn 291, "O, Spirit of the living God," which the congregation sang. Rev. D. A. Graham led in prayer, and the choir sang "Jesus Savior pilot me."

Ordination of Deacons.

The Second Year Committee presented at the altar the following brethren: John W. Hayes, Levin V. Jones, John A. Latterbury, George T. Smith and Charles E. Wheeler, who were solemnly ordained Deacons in the A. M. E. Church, by the imposition of the hands of Bishop Lee.

Dr. T. W. Henderson sang "Nearer my God to Thee," and read as his sermon text, Psalm 34:8, "O, taste and see, that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him," and preached one of his characteristic soul-stirring sermons to a perfectly thrilled audience. "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus" was sung while an appeal was made to sinners to come to Christ.

The choir sang a selection, and a collection was raised by the Contingent Committee, amounting to $23.25. The meeting closed with benediction by Rev. T. J. Simmons.

Evening Service.

Dr. C. S. Smith announced Hymn 277, "Jesus the name high over all," which was sung, and Rev. D. F. Caliman led in prayer. The choir sang "Consider the lilies," and Dr. Smith announced

Hymn 529, "Did Christ o'er sinners weep," which the congregation sang.

After a few kind words of reference to his former pastorate at Brownsville, Dr. Smith read as his sermon text, John 19:18, "They crucified Him, and two others with Him; one on either side, and Jesus in the midst." Subject, "Jesus in the Midst."

"Had He not come to us in the midst of sin, we could never have been taken out of it. He is Master and Conqueror in the midst of all His enemies. In His pre-existent state, as the second Person in the Godhead; as the satisfying propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and as the victorious and glorified Lord, Jesus was in the midst. He was in the midst of the two great extremes, making one complete plan of salvation. He is the 'Seed of the woman that shall bruise the serpent's head.' He was in the midst of all the movements of the Jews, and those waiting for the consolation of Israel. In the midst of the Sanhedrim; among the sick, hungry, blind, dumb, sorrowing, at the tombs, in the midst of the tragedy of the Cross.

"He secured, drank in, and exhausted the wrath of God due the sins of the whole world. There are many classes of insurance companies, but only Jesus can insure the soul. He not only insures, but feeds, cares for, comforts and defends the smallest of His children.

"The best investment we can make, is to put our love into the Bank of Heaven, and make our deposit on the basis of faith. Christ is the Ship—all else the sea."

He exhorted the brethren, that in all their ministrations of love and mercy, in all the duties incumbent upon the ministry, they should let Jesus be "in the midst." "Whatever the conditions, sickness and sorrow, disappointment and hardships—in adversities of every kind, let Jesus be "in the midst." The sermon was in every way a masterly one.

An opportunity was given for any who desired to become Christians to make it known, and two persons arose for prayer. Dr. T. W. Henderson made a few very earnest remarks, and led in prayer.

The Contingent Committee raised a collection amounting to $31.20. Total contingent collections for the day, $66.61.

Bishop Lee said his study of the native Africans, who are at Wilberforce University, has given him a very exalted opinion of the character of native Africans, and had convinced him that they will not lie, steal nor use chewing gum, but are, if necessary, vigorous in self-defense. He said wherever lying and stealing are prevalent among negroes, it is due to their environment and training.

The meeting closed with doxology, and benediction by Dr. Smith.

Annual Sermon by Rev. C. A. McGee.

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."—John 17:18.

OUR MISSION

When Jesus began his ministry, he called men from the various walks of life to be His disciples. These men were trained, so that they could carry on the great work which he began. After his resurrection he recommissioned them to "go in to all the world and preach."

This is our mission, to go and preach. The Gospel is "good news;" it is the angel song, "Peace on earth and good will" between man and man.

This is what the world needs today—the golden rule—the Gospel of "peace and good will." It will right all wrongs, solve all problems of human existence, and bring every man to know that he is his "brother's keeper."

This is our mission—to carry good news. To carry terms of peace between God and man; to tell the world that Christ is come—the Savior of men.

The Christian ministry is appointed for the purpose of instructing men in the principles and knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this we are called of God. For he gives some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry. And again, "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" As it is written "How beautiful upon the mountains are the fruit of them that preach the Gospel of peace."

The call of the minister is a term used to denote the right or authority which one has to preach the Gospel. This call is considered two fold—*divine and human.*

The divine call is from God. St. Paul said, "No man taketh this honor to himself, but he that is called of God."

There are several things which seem to be essential to this divine call.

First, a holy, blameless life: the minister must *live* what he preaches. Must *live* Christ as well as *preach* him. No Christless minister can expect to be successful in the work of winning men from sin to the ways of God.

There is so much expected of a minister's life, in the light of this simple proverb, that the world puts a premium on religion. It proves its value. Brethren live what you preach, at home and abroad; live so that your family will believe in your preaching.

The second essential is a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

If there is a class on earth who need this fullness of God's love and righteousness, it is they who are commissioned to preach righteousness to others.

The third essential is a zealous desire to do good— to save men from sin.

This divine call is no light matter, such as would suit the giddy and the gay, and such as would seek an easy occupation in life. The more we think of our call and its importance, the more we are impressed with its sacredness. The God called and God-sent minister feels the weight of immortal souls resting upon him. He feels the great responsibility of his calling, and in his soul feels, "woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel of peace."

He is called of God to be a "watchman," and he stands and sees men and women going astray. He calls to them and points them to the "Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world."

He sees men, whom the gods of this world have blinded, sinking in anguish and woe, and with hands quick and strong he throws

to them the "life line." He holds up to them the light of the gospel and points out to them the way of salvation.

Brethren, have you a zeal for the saving of men, so you may know in fact that you are called and sent of God?

Every Christian church is a "life-saving station," amid the breakers along the shore of time and eternity, and every Christian minister is a member of the "life-saving crew" of Heaven. And our mission is to save men from the perils of the ocean of sin.

We often hear ministers say, "Oh, I am not a revivalist:" but I tell you, brother, it is our mission to preach a full and free salvation through the blood of Christ and leave the results with God. And we will not know, until we reach the better land, just how successful we have been in soul saving. We have done much that we do not know, and much we think we have done has been the work of others. God has just permitted us to reap where some one else has sown. But whatever success we have in our ministry is given us of God. And praise his name, He has sent us out on this great mission with the assurance that he would be with us always, to the end of time.

Christ told the disciples to catch men; that is what we are to do, *catch men.* But where are we to catch them, in the church? Yes, and not only there, but go to the highways and compel them to come.

And how may we compel them to come? With the story of Jesus and His love. I tell you, brethren, there is an unseen power that goes along with the story of Jesus. It is like the great power house that sends the light out to all parts of the city. Whether told from the pulpit or on the highway of life, in some humble home, or in some den of vice, or a mansion, it will not all be forgotten. Something that you have said will find its way to the heart, and will grow and bring forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold, to the honer and glory of God.

There are three classes that are generally neglected. First the depraved; second the poor; third the rich. We are above the first two, because of their poverty and wickedness; and afraid of the third class, because of their wealth.

Our mission is to seek for the lost and those we find sitting in the region of darkness, and to tell them their "light is come." We,

as ministers, are doing a great deal of hard work in keeping up our churches; but we are not doing half we might do in making disciples for Christ. We get very large sometimes, so much so that we can't get out among the people. But Christ says, "go!"

A great preacher said, "The church is the place to be fed with gospel food; if the people want to be fed they must come here." But I tell you, brethren, some are too poor; they can't get up here to the gospel table. And some have been away from the Father's house so long they are ashamed to come. Oh, go after them!

Some are all footsore, lame, and weary, and sin has blinded their eyes; their garments are all tattered and torn; they can't come. Some are away out on the mountain of sin, and have forgotten the sweet story of Jesus and his love. Go speak to them.

Some are away down in the slums, their feet have taken hold upon hell. Some are almost beyond redemption point. Oh, go brother, go speak to them!

Some are in deep trouble; sin and sorrow have blotted out all hope, and they have just sat down in despair, waiting for the adversary to come and get them. Oh, go and bring them in!

A minister visited a home and offered prayer. The mother said, "I am so glad you called; it is the first time in twenty years prayer has been offered in my house." That whole family were brought to Christ. They had been wicked and like many had been neglected by the Church.

Then there is the sick; they can't get up here to the church. Oh, brother, go to them! A friendly visit and prayer in a home will often do more good then a dozen sermons. You visit a family where some one is sick, and it will not be forgotten.

One trouble is that our church is too worldly. We organize our people to death for money. Money-getting is all right, but we must not lose sight of our mission—to make disciples for Christ. And if you can keep the fire of heaven burning on the altar of your church and people, the finances will take care of themselves. Money getting is all right, but our mission is to save souls. We can't measure our success by glowing financial reports. Many a minister has made a

glowing report to the annual Conference, and left a barren field behind.

Our mission is to carry this good news to the people.

God said, "Comfort ye; comfort ye my people." Speak words of cheer and comfort to troubled hearts. Lift up the head that is bowed down; give sight to the blind; unstop the deaf ears, and cause the lame to leap for joy.

Our mission is to *preach.*

What are we to preach? Must we preach about heroes of Santiago and Manila? Oh, no! tell the people about the *Hero of Calvary!* We must preach what Christ taught us to preach, "A judgment to come, eternal rewards and punishments in heaven and in hell." We are to preach the doctrine of *repentance*: teach the people to *repent.* Preach the doctrine of *justification.* Preach the doctrine of *regeneration.* Preach the doctrine of *sanctification.* We must preach the doctrine of Methodism; teach the people to fast and pray. We are to preach against sin in high and low places, against sin of every kind. Preach against the liquor traffic; and against Sabbath breaking.

Christ came into the world to die for the right. *Preach against sin!* Nothing can atone for sin but the Blood of Jesus. It will cleanse the *harlot,* and will save the drunkard. There is no class or condition that it will not save.

And may God bless you in this great work. Amen!

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 16th, 1899.

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock, and Rev. O. T. Davis announced Hymn 6, "Awake my soul in joyful lays," which was sung. Rev. T. B. Chambers led in prayer. Bro. Davis read

the Scripture lesson, 100th Psalm. Revs. T. J. Smith and R. M. Henderson prayed.

The minutes of Saturday sessions and Sunday services were read and approved. Rev. T. A. Green read the report of the Brownsville church.

Dr. Bentley reported $9.39 raised for contingent purposes at the Opera House services Sunday, and Rev. J. W. Riley reported $5.00 raised at the Presbyterian Church for the same purpose.

Rev. B. E. McNeal, of the Baptist Church, California, was introduced, and made some very pleasant remarks.

Rev. M. B. Lenear, of Grace Memorial Presbyterian, Pittsburg, was introduced, and given a seat within the bar.

Bishop Lee and Rev. W. H. Brown made some earnest remarks in the interest of our publications, and urged ministry and laity to subscribe for our church papers.

The statistical tables were partly reviewed, when the dinner hour came, and Conference adjourned, with benediction by Rev. Lenear.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the conference branch of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society held their meeting as follows:

Minutes of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Octoher 16, 1899.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the Woman's Mite Missionary Society met, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. W. Batch, of Elizabeth, Pa. Singing by the choir. Scripture reading by Mrs. Dr. Asbury, of Williamsport, Pa., after which prayer was led by Mrs. Lydia Kane of Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Lida Lowry introduced the President, Mrs. J. W. Batch, to the Conference, and she read a very interesting paper.

Mrs. Lida Lowry, who is treasurer, made her report to the Conference.

Very interesting remarks were made by Mrs. Rosa Strauther and Mrs. Hattie Solomon.

Mrs. R Brown, of Clarksburg, W. Va., read a paper on missionary work, which proved very instructive.

Singing by the choir.

A report on the South African College was read by Mrs. G. P. Offer, of Pittsburg, Pa., which showed the Society had raised during the year $108.90.

The members of Twin City Union's Woman's Mite Missionary Society, through the Committee, presented the Bishop with the amount of $75.00, to be presented to Rev. Reuben Sealy, of Barbadoes, for the South African College. Bishop Lee thanked the members of Twin City Union's Society for the money, at which time he made some profitable and encouraging remarks to the Society.

At this time the roll was called and the following are the members:

Mrs. R. H. Bumry, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, Mrs. Sarah H. West, Rev. G. W. Webster, Rev. D. F. Caliman, Rev. Wheeler, Mrs. A. Smothers, Mrs. H. A. Grant, Mrs. S. A. Lewis and Mrs. Allie Wallace (not paid), Mrs. W. H. Young, Rev. H. J. Williams (not paid), Mrs. T. A. Green, Rev. G. T. Smith, Mrs. R. M. Henderson, Mrs. Gay McGee, Mrs. S. Christian, Mrs. Mary Garner, Mrs. Irene Askew, Mrs. Rev. T. S. Cyus, Mrs. G. C. Sampson, Mrs. Pearl J. Smith, Rev. E. E Obrient, Mrs. Katie Thomas, Mrs. W. H. Freeman, Mrs. M. B. Jones, Mrs. Mary Lee, Rev. G. C. Sampson, Mrs. Josephine Ashphill, Mrs. Daniel Newsom, Rev. T. J. Simmons, Mrs. Rebecca Morris, M. Mary Smothers, Mrs. Rebecca Henderson, Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. T. W. Henderson, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. L. Sanders, Mrs. Della Woodson, Mrs. Henrietta Eaton, Mrs. Cornelia D. Scott, Mrs. O. T. Davis, Rev. B. H. Lee, Rev. C. N. Butts, Mrs. Annie E. Stephens (not paid), Mrs. E. L. Morris (not paid), Mrs. Amanda Skinner, Mrs. R. H. Morris, Mrs. E. G. Gordon (not paid), Mrs. Luella Honesty (not paid), Mrs. Jeremiah L. Gazaway, Mrs. S. A. Wright, Rev. C. Wright, Mrs. S. P. West.

Dues collected amounted to $19.50. Collection taken up amounted to $5.35. Total amount collected amounted to $24.85.

Doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. G. G. Skinner.

MRS. J. W. BATCH, President,
M. LEVADA CARTER, Secretary.

Paper by Mrs. J. W. Batch.

To the Members and Friends of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society:

"For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?"—Esther 8:6.

In the old testament of God's own sacred word this verse I have given you to carry abroad, and to your homes, was recorded as the testimony of one of the noblest women that ever trod foot on soil, – Esther, who rose from poor circumstances to the loftiest position her people and king could put her in.

This woman was a missionary at heart. The spirit of Almighty God had so enveloped her soul and body, that she was not only considered one of the comeliest women of her age, but it placed her foremost influentially with the highest potentate of her land, which was a most desirable position for her to be in, seeing that she could then do her duty toward her people, which was very essential at this time; for if God in his mysterious ways his wonders to perform had not intervened through this beauttful and pure woman, her people would have been destroyed by wicked Haman. What woman is there among us who is willing to sacrifice like this dear servant of the Lord?

The chances are different for the women of today. Esther went to the place assigned for women to wait until a certain day when the king would choose from among them a queen. Since the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, who suffered on the cross for us, we have assurance from the Lord himself in his Holy Word, that if we go to His house of waiting and offer ourselves in truth and obedience, we shall be accepted as queens that instant, and from then on, as long as we live up to God's command, we can occupy positions of honor that no earthly comparison can be made with,

and where, if we exercise our faith, we can be instrumental in saving our people from utter destruction.

There are women in this world that have taken up the cross in its true form, and I don't want to slight the men, for it is their noble support that will help us win the victories we now long for. Much is to be done in order for us to lay a rightful claim to the title of missionaries. Being elected to offices and so forth don't amount to anything in name, any more than a person becomes a minister because he is allowed to preach. To be either, in title, we have to work in the vineyard of the Lord, and there is no lagging allowed; for as I understand the Scriptures, it requires a constant watchfulness and some person that is always reaching out for that newness of life in Christ that gives us the missionary spirit to serve God and love one another. This last declaration that I have made is the fullfilment of the missionary spirit: serve God and love one another.

I have nothing new to add to our plan of missionary work, but will recommend a few thoughts. First, be ye steadfast and immovable. Second, whatever God has assigned for us through his work and his agents, here, let it be well done. Third, if you know not what to do, read God's word, and it will tell you what to do; that is what the Bible is for; to gain instruction as to our Christian deeds. Fourth, put forth no selfish motives, so as to interfere with the missionary work. Fifth, let the women through the help of the Lord and the advice of their worthy Bishop, attend to the government of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, and accept no radical instruction and misinterpretation of their rules, by non-voting members who gain the floors during their conventions. Let each one's desire be to please God and help the church. To do this I entreat you to work with a thorough understanding.

I want to take occasion here to mention something that is necessary. It is in reference to the aid that should come from the ministers in their official connection in the church. Ministers who are honorary members of our organization should open their churches to assist us whenever occasion presents itself. Too often has it been shown that the women were woefully restricted as to having enter-

tainments and benefits for their society; and the truth of it is, ministers as a majority have not encouraged the Society in as great a degree as the Society in its mission demands.

At 3:30 o'clock Conference reconvened, and the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. J. T. Jenefer, D. D., of the Baltimore Conference, and Secretary of the Connectional Preachers' Aid Association, was introduced, and made some very interesting remarks concerning the work of said Association.

The reviewing of the statistical tables was resumed and completed.

The delegates-elect to the General Conference were called to the altar by Bishop Lee, and after some congratulatory remarks by the Bishop, presented their certificates of election.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Dr. Jenefer.

Evening Session.

Conference met at 7:30 o'clock, and sang Hymn 223, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," and Bro. John A. Latterbury led in prayer.

Bro. John W. Amiss read as a sermon text, I Samuel, 17:45, "I come in the name of the Lord God of Israel", and preached a short but very earnest sermon.

"Savior more than life to me," was sung, and Bro. J. E. Morris led in prayer. After an inspiring song led by Bro. Pierce Moore, Rev. J. P. Stephens prayed.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The following report of the Contingent Committee was read by Rev. T. J. Simmons, and adopted:

Report of Contingent Committee.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., October 16, 1899.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, the Contingent Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Brought to Conference from charges $61.81
Raised by Brownsville Church..... 88.15

Total.....$149.96

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. Askew,
T. A. J. West,
T. J. Simmons.

Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace read the following report of the Committee on Connectional Preachers' Aid Association:

Report of Committee on Connectional Preachers' Aid Association.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, your Committee on the Connectional Preachers' Aid Association of the A. M. E. Church, desire to make the following report:

The need of this Society has long been felt. Most every year we see the widow and orphans left on the cold charities of the world.

We believe that it is the duty of every man to make some provision for the care of his family in the case of death.

By a little sacrifice on the part of the preacher, with the aid of this Society, he can prevent the placing of his family in the embarrassing condition of depending upon others to provide means for his burial, and prevent adding poverty to sorrow.

There are only nine members in this conference who have availed themselves of the opportunity of its benefits.

We recommend this organization to each member of this conference for his consideration.

Rules and regulations of this Society can be found on page 74 of last year's minutes.

Respectfully yours,

D. F. Caliman,
J. P. Q. Wallace,
Walter S. Lowry.

Dr. Jenefer discussed the report, and appealed to the ministers to join the Association. Rev. Eli McKnight expressed some disagreement with the conditions of the Association that make members of short duration eligible to as great benefits as those of long membership.

Revs. Caliman, Askew, Wallace, Asbury and Sampson spoke greatly in favor of the Association. Rev. J. W. Jeffries said it is a noticeable fact that the mortality of the younger ministry is greater than that of the older. The report was adopted.

Rev. C. A. Mc Gee read the following report of Dollar Money Committee, which was adopted :

Report of Committee on Dollar Money Rolls.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, your Committee appointed to examine the dollar money rolls beg leave to report as follows :

All of the rolls except three were correct, and each of them exceeded the amount reported by a few cents. The total amount of dollar money collected is $2,106.07.

Ten per cent for Church Extension	$ 210.60
Conference per cent	788.15
Per cent for general purposes	1263.19

The great increase over last year is the result of the great activity of our beloved Bishop B. F. Lee, and the untiring efforts of his faithful ministers.

The influence of the presence of our Bishop in every place, large and small, has had much to do with arousing our members to greater liberality.

Respectfully yours,

C. A. McGee,
G. G. Skinner,
B. H. Lee.

The Bishop congratulated the pastors upon the great increase in Dollar Money this year.

Conference business was suspended for a few minutes, while little Charles Franklin McGee, infant son of Rev. C. A. McGee, was baptized by Bishop Lee assisted by Rev. D. F. Caliman.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read by Rev. R. H. Bumry, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference, Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following report:

By receipts	$ 67.00	
By cash	2071.92	
Total Dollar Money		$2138.92
Sunday-school Missionary	213.34	
Pastors' Dues	55.00	
Total		192.74
For Bible Cause		23.80
" Church Extension		9.62
" Sunday-school Union		3.50
" Payne Seminary, cash	188.32	
" Payne Seminary Receipts	27.75	
		216.07
" Endowment Day, Cash	32.15	
" Endowment Day Receipts	432.94	
		465.09
" Allen Day, Cash	2.00	
" Allen Day Receipts	44.40	
		46.40
" Easter Day, Receipts		399.34
" Woman's Mite Missionary Society, Cash		7.06
" Contingent Money, reported by Pastors	61.88	
" Contingent Money collected in Church	88.05	
		149.93
Grand Total, Cash, Receipts and Vouchers		$3652.47
Total Cash		$2751.84
Total Receipts		$900.63

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. LOWRY,
J. W. JEFFRIES,
R. H. BUMRY.

Dr. J. W. Gazaway read the followimg report of the Committee on the State of the Country, and Condition of the Afro-American:

Report of Committee on State of the Country, and the Condition of the Afro-American.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

Your Committee ask permission to present the following as their report:

As a nation we have great reason to rejoice in the enjoyment of the blessings of our heavenly Father, bestowed upon us in many forms.

An abundant harvest of th products of the earth greet us at the close of this passing year. Th rmer is happy in the rich reward that he possesses as the compen. ation for his faithful toil. The various industries are calling for laborers, and almost universal employment is obtained and a reasonably fair compensation is given in return for honest toil. Indeed we have not witnessed more general activity along the lines of industry, than is now made manifest.

In some instances strikes have resulted in loss of life, and consequently the disturbance of the communities in which they have occurred. We hope for a system of arbitration, through which the difficulties calculated to produce such a condition of unrest, may be adjusted; so that there may be no conflict between capital and labor.

The abundant harvests and greatly accelerated business life, and the substantial basis upon which our increased business life is predicted, has called out a great amount of capital, which has sought, and is seeking, investment at a reasonably low rate of interest. This has strengthened the hands of the business men and enabled them to fearlessly launch out into the great tides of trade and competition with great success.

As a nation we are at peace with all the civilized Governments and Powers of the world.

The complications which our Government has passed successfully, in our dealing with Spain, were wisely managed. Complications could have arisen with other Powers, which would have given us great trouble to adjust, but on the other hand, and fortunately for

us as a nation, the cause pursued in the settlement of the Spanish trouble, and the liberation of Cuba from all the wrongs endured under Spanish rule, is generally regarded as proper and right, under these existing circumstances.

As the result of which conquest, we have an enlarged domain and an extended field for usefulness. We have also in the acquisition of new territory been brought face to face with possibilities for complications with other nations, such as we have never had. We are now entitled to a pathway on the sea, in order to reach our new possessions, which pathway must be protected. We must be prepared as never before for sea fighting.

Formidable vessels of war will be in demand in order to the complete defence of all our land and naval interests at home and abroad. This condition of things will result in giving to our Nation, one of the best equipped navies in the world.

"Three great events in war mark conspicuously the progress of our Nation. The revolution in 1776 secured our national existence. The war to subdue the rebellion in 1861 saved the union and destroyed American slavery as an established institution. The war with Spain in 1898 drove Spain from the western hemisphere, and liberated Cuba and the Philippine colonies from her oppressive rule."

For the proper management of our newly acquired possessions, there is need for wise leadership and a right national policy.

We rejoice in the fact that the negro soldier has made a brilliant record for bravery on the fields of battle; that he has stood side by side with the white soldier, and has shown equal ability and courage in every conflict into which our troops have been called.

A Christian civilization established in our newly acquired territory, will redound to the glory of God, and to the highest good of the adopted citizens; and our Nation will be the better for having labored to extend the interests of the Master's kingdom.

We share the general feeling relative to the injustice upon the part of France in proceeding against Captain Dreyfus, and we are glad to know that he has been set at liberty. A seeming injustice has been perpetrated upon him and his family that is not compensated

for by simply turning him out of his prison. France should in some way make compensation for what seems to have been wrong in this case.

We regret the existence of trouble between England and South Africa, and hope that a proper solution of the difficulties may be obtained before the shedding of much blood.

We trust that a Christian sentiment will prevail among the nations of the earth, to the extent that war and bloodshed may not result in the settlement of international difficulties.

While we recommend every effort to break the yoke of oppression, as our Nation has done in conquering Spain and securing for Cuba her freedom, we also regard it the duty of this Nation to protect her own subjects here upon the home soil. The American negro is an American citizen. He is such by virtue of his birth; and the Constitution of the United States knows no black, no white, no bond or difference among its subjects. All men are by it declared to be free and equal, in the right to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. None by its provision are to be deprived of their God-given rights without due process of law.

The spirit of American slavery lives and is *now* struggling to dishonor and disfranchise, to rob and to kill the negro now, as was done in the days gone by. The spirit that characterized and prompted the decision of Judge Tawney in 1854, which decision declared that black men had no rights that white men were bound to respect—that same spirit, we repeat,—is ruling the South today in its feelings toward, and treatment of the negro.

The wholesale lynchings and the brutal conduct of the lynchers, such as characterized the Georgia lynchings, especially, gives expression to the heartless spirit of hatred and oppression, that rankles in the bosom of the white men of the South against the negro. The prison lease system, Jim-Crow car law,—these are some of the things in evidence of the prevalence and power of the spirit of American slavery.

If the charges of outrage, or attempted outrage by the negro men are true, we have only the result of the sowing and training of the white men of the South, practiced by them for two hundred and fifty

years. The negro has been trained in the school of American slavery. Why did they give us such a training? They had an opportunity to make of the negro all that a Christian civilization could make of any race variety, but they chose to do what they have done, and "chickens will come home th roost." "What a man sows, that shall he also reap."

No mortal tongue can describe the hellish brutality of the people of this country, and especially the South, toward the black man. Our sense of justice condemns such outrageous conduct charged against the negro. Whether the perpetrator be white or black, mobs should not be allowed to proceed in the execution of what they conceive to be right. We are greatly disappointed in President William McKinley, because of his silence in his message to Congress; and in his public utterance he has failed to condemn the lynchings to which reference has been made, and we are anxiously looking for an expression upon this subject in his forthcoming message to Congress. While he may not have power to send troops into the States where we suffer most, for our protection, unless called for by the Constitution, yet he can speak in opposition to this great injustice, and this he has not done. If millions of dollars and thousands of lives are willingly given to protect Cuba from the injustice of Spain, certainly our chief magistrate should be willing to utter words in condemnation of the unjust and cruel treatment of defenseless Afro-American citizens, whose loyalty to the Country and flag has never been questioned.

The President of the United States, the Pulpit and the Press are three great powers in the formation and operation of our civilization. These powers stand as mountain peaks in the midst of our civilization, whose lofty apexes are the outlook. They are centers from which the light of truth, justice and intelligence are to radiate. Public sentiment is shaped—yea, created—by these powers.

It is not in evidence that all that is charged against the negro is true. He has not been given opportunity in every instance to prove his innocence, and what is needed, among other things, in the negro's favor, is a sentiment that is humane; a sentiment that retrospects the condition of the negro in all its varieties; a sentiment that will be just to all concerned, and reasonable in its judgment, and that will prompt

—in the light of Christianity—the continuous effort to secure for the negro the best possible conditions of protection and development.

The outspoken sentiments of the President of the United States, and the Pulpit and the Press of the country, in opposition to this injustice practiced upon the negro, would have a powerful influence in moulding favorable sentiment toward the negro.

The American Pulpit and Press can assist the negro in over-coming the opposition that meets him at the threshold of almost every branch of industry that he may attempt to enter upon. Why shut him out from the various lines of industry? He will work. We plead for the aid of the American Pulpit and Press, that all barriers in the direction of competitive labor in any and all departments of the field of labor may be removed.

We do not see much to encourage hope in either of the great political parties.

There seems to be a disposition to reconcile the past differences between North and South at the expense of the negro's welfare.

We realize now, as in the past, that our deliverance as a race variety from the injustices we are compelled to endure, must come from God. He is just and is the God of the oppressed, and through God we shall do valiently, for it is He that shall tread down all our enemies.

We rejoice in the greater opportunity to work for the extension of the Master's Kingdom, as is made possible in the extension of our national domain. The Spanish–American War has brought to the A. M. E. Church increased obligations, and our Church has been established in Cuba. And also the dark land of Africa (South) opens to us increased advantages, which we have under God taken hold of.

We are laboring and praying for the successful establishment of the South African College, and we are pleased to know that an effort is being made in the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference to raise money to erect said College. Sister Gracie P. Offer is successfully leading forward this movement. Her ambition is to raise one hundred dollars for this noble work, and she has about succeeded in accomplishing this work. The spirit of missions is gathering strength, as is seen in

the organized effort among the women of our Church, and the increased contributions for the support of the same.

We look forward to the coming General Conference of 1900 with a great deal of interest, hoping for the wisest legislation in the interest of our growing Church. Our territory is expanding, and we need strong, active bishops, who can endure the fatigue of land and ocean travel. The outlook for our future as a church organization was never brighter.

We appreciate our dear Bishop B. F. Lee, whose administration has been successful. None of the great interests of the Church or Connection have been by him overlooked. Like the sainted Bishop D. A. Payne, he has endeavored to impress his own type of feeling and interest upon all with whom he has dealt. Our educational interests at Wilberforce need the same determined spirit of interest that he possesses, and we feel that it would be greatly to the advantage of our educational interests at Wilberforce if Bishop Lee could be allowed to remain in the district in which Wilberforce and Payne Seminary are located for at least one other four years. Our prayers shall follow him wherever his lot is cast.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, There is need for the careful consideration of all that pertains to the individual, social and national intreests of the Afro-American in this country; and,

WHEREAS, There are combinations the most unreasonable and wicked, and which are connived at by those who by reason of their position, influence and power could give birth to a sentiment that would operate greatly in our favor as a race variety; therefore,

Resolved, FIRST, That we, a part of the Afro-American ministry, upon whom there are grave and eternal interests involved, stand united with "Jesus in the midst," against sin of every kind.

SECOND, That we vigilantly and prayerfully study our country's claims and duty, and manfully demand at her hands free and equal privileges and protection for the Afro-American, in common with all other citizens of our great commonwealth: and as the Cubans were protected from Spanish oppression, so do we, the oppressed, but loyal

subjects of American power, ask for protection under the flag that some of the race have fought, bled and died to defend.

All of which we most willingly submit as our report.

JOHN W. GAZAWAY,
R. H. MORRIS,
D. F. CALIMAN.

The report was ably discussed by T. J. Smith, W. H. Palmer, W. H. Brown, D. S. Bentley, Eli McKnight, C. Asbury and J. W. Riley.

A motion by Rev. W. S. Lowry to eliminate from the report the reference to the war in the Philippine Islands, and the policy pursued by our Government in the settlement of the Philippine troubles, was lost. Dr. T. W. Henderson gave the Conference a few pleasant parting words, wishing the brethren great success in their work.

At the suggestion of Dr. Asbury, the Conference presented the Brownsville Church with a beautiful pulpit Hymnal.

The following letter was read by the Secretary:

Letter From Bessie Morris.

WILBERFORCE, OHIO, October 10, 1899.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:

It affords me great pleasure to write to your assembly and thank you all for your kindness to me.

I returned to school shortly after the opening, and find myself getting along very well.

I am Middle Year Normal. Very much pleased with the course and instructors, as it prepares me for what I want and hope to be—a teacher.

I still keep Christ ever before me, and I know if I do right, he will ever be my father. I have been greatly strengthened since I have been here and my motto is:

"Where He sends, I will go,
What He says I will do."

I only have two more years, and I hope to so improve my time that I may do something for Christ and the up-building of his kingdom.

I ask the prayers of the Conference for my success as a scholar and a church worker; that I may not only be a Christian by precept, but by example.

I pray God's blessings upon the Conference as a body, that it may be a session long to be remembered.

What I am or ever hope to be, I owe to Christ, my mother and the Pittsburg Conference.

Hoping your success, I remain

BESSIE V. MORRIS.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. T. W. Henderson.

SIXTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 Rev. O. T. Davis announced Hymn 229, "Forever here my rest shall be," which the Conference sang, and Rev. M. S. Jones led in prayer. Bro. Davis read the 12th chapter of Isaiah, and sang "Amazing Grace." The Conference joined in a very precious praise and testimony meeting.

"Blessed Assurance" was sung, and the business of the Conference was resumed. The minutes of the Monday sessions were read and approved. Dr. D. S. Bentley read the report of the Book Steward.

Book Steward's Report.

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PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

	Number.	Value.	Expressage.	Amount.
Wylie Avenue	65	$9.75	....	$9.75
Euclid Avenue	35	5.25	$ .45	4.80
Homestead	13	1.95	.25	1.70

	Number.	Value.	Expressage.	Amount.
Braddock	13	1.95	.15	1.80
Greensburg	9	1.35	.25	1.10
New Haven	17	2.55	.25	2.30
Altoona	14	2.10	.35	1.75
Tyrone	10	1.50	.50	1.00
Bellefonte	24	3.60	.75	2.85
Lockhaven	16	2.40	.35	2.05
Williamsport	35	5.25	.60	4.65
Philipsburg	14	2.10	.50	1.60
Bedford	19	2.85	.85	2.00
Wilkesbarre	19	2.85	.35	2.50
Scranton	27	4.05	.80	3.25
Montrose,(5)W.Pittston,(12)	17	2.55	.75	1.80
Lewistown	20	3.00	....	1.00
Bloomsburg	10	1.50	.35	1.15
ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.				
Brown Chapel	50	7.50	.25	7.25
Chartiers St	35	5.25	.25	5.00
South Side	10	1.50	....	1.50
Monongahela	14	2.10	.30	1.80
Brownsville	20	3.00	.35	2.65
Uniontown	20	3.00	.35	2.65
New Brighton	15	2.25	....	2.25
Franklin	14	2.10	.35	1.75
Meadville	10	1.50	.35	1.15
Oil City	20	3.00	....	3.00
Titusville	9	1.35	.50	.85
Elizabeth	16	2.40	.40	2.00
W. Bridgewater	8	1.20	.20	1.00
Bradford	15	2.25	.50	1.75
W. Newton	12	1.80	.25	1.55
Charleroi	10	1.50	.50	1.00
Sewickley	10	1.50	.20	1.00
McKeesport	12	1.80	.20	1.60

	Number	Value.	Expressage.	Amount.
Belle Vernon	9	1.35	.25	1.10
Erie	10	1.50	....	1.50
Olean	10	1.50	.50	1.00
WHEELING DISTRICT.				
Washington	35	5.25	....	5.25
Canonsburg	35	5.25	.40	4.85
Wheeling	20	3.00	.25	2.75
Waynesburg	22	3.30	.95	2.35
Clarksburg	9	1.35	.40	.95
Morgantown	10	1.50	.35	1.15
W. Middletown	18	2.70	.15	2.55
Charleston	5	.75	.60	.15
McGovern	5	.75	.15	.60
Ceredo	5	.75	.35	.40
Buckhannon	10	1.50	.65	.85
Wellsburg	15	2.25	.45	1.80
Parkersburg	10	1.50	....	1.50
Beverly	15	2.25	.45	1.80
Elkins	9	1.35	.35	1.00
Indian Camp	5	.75	....	.75

RECAPITULATION.

Money in hand at last settlement		$105.61
Received from sale of minutes this year		119.10
Total amount		$224.71
Paid to Sledge Hammer Publishing Co.	$139.39	
Fright, postage etc	9.17	
Total amount paid		$148.56
Balance		$ 76.15

D. S. BENTLEY, Book Steward.

WHEELING, W. VIRGINIA.

The following report of the Committee on Rearrangement of the Work was read by Rev. D. F. Caliman, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Rearrangement of the Work.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

We recommend:

FIRST, That Duquesne be detached from Homestead, and made a mission;

SECOND, That Muncy be detached from Lockhaven, and that Muncy, Milton, Danville and Bloomsburg, constitute the Bloomsburg Circuit.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

FIRST, That Belle Vernon be detached from Pleasant Green, and Pike Run be detached from Brownsville;

SECOND, That Pleasant Green and Pike Run comprise the Pleasant Green Circuit;

THIRD, That Belle Vernon and Monessen comprise the Belle Vernon Circuit;

FOURTH, That Kitanning and Ford City comprise the Kitanning Circuit;

FIFTH, That Kane be attached to Bradford.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

FIRST, That McGovern be attached to Washington Station, Pa.;

SECOND, That Phillipi and Cassady Forks be detached from Beverly, W. Va.;

THIRD, That Philippi, Cassady Forks and Grafton comprise the Philippi Circuit, W. Va.;

FOURTH, That Fairmount be attached to Morgantown, W. Va.;

FIFTH, That Weston be detached from Buckhannon;

SIXTH, That Buckhannon and Indian Camp comprise the Buckhannon Circuit;

SEVENTH, That Sutton, Stouts' Mills and Weston comprise the Weston Circuit.

W. H. BROWN,
D. F. CALIMAN,
C. A. MCGEE.

The following Disciplinary Questions were answered :

Summary of Church Statistics.

NUMERICAL.

Conversions	510
Accessions	477
Full members	3590
Probationers	419
Exhorters	9
Local Preachers	47
Missionary Societies	83
Auxiliary Societies	99
Churches	60
Parsonages	20

FINANCIAL.

(MONEY COLLECTED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.)

Dollar Money	$2153.74
Easter Mission Fund	551.21
Woman's Mite Fund	990.18
Endowment Fund	482.24
Payne Seminary	639.60
Sunday-school Union	163.29
Church Extension	162.94
Contingent	154.46
Bible Cause	23.15
Total for General Purposes	$5320.81

(MONEY COLLECTED FOR LOCAL PURPOSES.)

Pastors' Support	$20,510.89
Presiding Elders' Support	2,440.71
Repairing, Building and Purchasing	10,709.94
Charitable Purposes	693.76
Total for Local Purposes	$34,355.30

(MISCELLANEOUS.)

Value of Church Property	$351,669.00
Indebtedness	24,978.23
Balance in Steward's Treasuries	217.15
Balance in Trustees' Treasuries	2,767.96

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

(NUMERICAL.)

Sunday-schools	66
Officers	359
Teachers	301
Pupils	2907
Conversions	178
Books in Library	8131
Bibles	1110
Hymn Books	1624
Lesson Helps Used	2535
Missionary Societies	49
Temperance Societies	13

(FINANCIAL.)

Raised for use in Schools	$1645.20
Sunday-school Missions	307.53
Sunday-school Union	68.59
Church Extension	62.71
Total collected in Schools	$2084.03

Status of the Ministry.

PREACHERS ADMITTED ON TRIAL:—John A. Latterbury, Charles E. Wheeler, Levin V. Jones, Charles Adison, John W. Amiss and A. C. Hayes.

PREACHERS REMAINING ON TRIAL:—Charles J. Powell and George T. Smith.

PREACHERS ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION:—Harry J. Williams, John W. Hayes.

PREACHERS RE-ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION:—Elijah R. Bazier.

ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR:—John W. Hayes, Levin V. Jones, John A. Latterbury, George T. Smith, Charles E. Wheeler.

DEACONS OF THE CONFERENCE:—Jacob S. Eaton, Charles N. Butts, Francis E. Bowser, Charles J. Powell, Moses L. Nettles, Daniel Newsom, M. P. Cole, John W. Hayes, Levin V. Jones, John A. Latterbury, George T. Smith, Charles E. Wheeler.

ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR:—Toney J. Askew, John W. Brown, Eli McKnight, Joseph E. Morris, Elijah R. Bazier, Samuel B. Morris.

THE BISHOPS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:—Henry M. Turner, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abram Grant, Benjamin F. Lee, Moses B. Salter, James A. Handy, William B. Derrick, *James C. Embry, *Josiah H. Armstrong.

DIED THIS YEAR:—Rev. William H. Pride, at McKeesport, Pa., Feb. 16, 1899.

Bethel Church, Wylie Avenue, Pittsburg, was chosen as the seat of the Annual Conference in 1900.

The preachers are stationed as follows this year:

APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

BENJAMIN WHEELER, PRESIDING ELDER.

Bethel Church, Pittsburg.....J. W. Gazaway, D. D.
Euclid Avenue, East End, Pittsburg.....J. W. Jeffries
Williamsport.....C. Asbury, D. D.
Scranton.....J. M. Gilmere, B. D.
Wilkesbarre.....J. H. Grant
Altoona.....T. A. J. West
Bellefonte.....C. N. Woodson
New Haven.....T. A. Green
Greensburg.....M. S. Jones

*Deceased.

Braddock.....W. N. Young
Philipsburg, Curwensville.....J. M. Wilkes
Tyrone, Huntingdon and Lewistown.....A. Smothers
Bloomsburg, Danville, Milton and Muncy.....D. Newsom
Bedford, Everette.....O. T. Davis
Montrose, Waverly and W. Pittston.....Charles Garner
Lockhaven and Jersey Shore.....J. W. Riley
Scottdale (Supply).....D. K. Davis

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

D. F. CALIMAN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Brown Chapel, Allegheny.....R. H. Morris
Chartiers Street, Allegheny.....B. H. Lee
South Side, Pittsburg.....T. J. Askew
New Brighton.....H. A. Grant
West Bridgewater.....Richard Brown
Sewickley.....Eli McKnight
Oil City.....P. A. Scott
Franklin.....H. G. Thomas
Meadville.....J. W. Brown
Bradford and Kane.....S. C. Honesty
Olean, N. Y.....F. E. Bowser
Erie.....C. J. Powell
Homestead.....S. A. Lewis
Monongahela.....R. H. Bumry
Charleroi.....S. P. West
Elizabeth.....W. H. Brown
Titusville.....I. B. Till, B. D
West Newton and W. Elizabeth.....J. J. Norris
McKeesport.....C. N. Butts
Belle Vernon and Monessen.....G. T. Smith
Pleasant Green and Pike's Run.....A. E. Walden
Duquesne.....H. J. Williams
Bellevue.....Charles Adison
New Castle.....B. A. L. Powell
Kittanning.....C. E. Wheeler

WHEELING DISTRICT.

CHARLES A. McGEE, Presiding Elder.

Wheeling, W. Va.....D. S. Bentley, D. D
Washington, Pa.....W. S. Lowry
Canonsburg.....G. G. Skinner
West Middletown.....J. S. Eaton
Waynesburg.....J. P. Stephens
Uniontown.....G. C. Sampson
Brownsville.....Carter Wright
Wellsburg, W. Va.....R. M. Henderson
Morgantown.....S. Christian
Clarksburg.....J. E. Morris
Parkersburg.....E. R. Bazier
Weston, Sutton and Stouts' Mills,.....L. V. Jones
Buckhannon and Indian Camp.....S. B. Morris
Beverly, Elkins and Coketon.....J. W. Hayes
Charleston.....C. P. Hurrington
Boone, Raleigh and Wyoming Circuit.....L. A. Barber
Huntingdon and Ceredo.....J. A. Latterbury
Philippi, Grafton and Cassady Forks.....J. C. Williams
Sistersville.....C. H. Arnold
Mannington.....A. C. Hayes

Conference Missionary—Rev. W. H. Palmer, M. D., Monongahela, Pa.

EVANGELISTS.

E. E. Obrient, Allegheny, Pa.; T. J. Smith, Pittsburg; P. W. Douse, Pittsburg.

RESERVES.

T. J. Simmons, G. W. Webster, J. W. Amiss, J. T. Evans.

TRANSFERS.

J. P. Q. Wallace, B. D.—to North Ohio Conference.
M. P. Cole—to North Ohio Conference.

A motion prevailed that R. C. Pickard, of Morgantown, be discontinued as a supply.

Rev. G. C. Sampson was excused from Conference to attend a funeral at Uniontown.

Rev. W. N. Young read the following report of the Committee on Easter Day Funds, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Easter Day Funds.

To the Bishop and Members of Conferenee:

We present this as our report of Committee on Easter Day, this conference year as follows:

Total receipts, $530.54.

An increase over the year of $99.00.

Very respectfully,

W. N. Young,
Charles Garner,
George T. Smith.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-school Mission Funds was read by Rev. F. E. Bowser, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Sunday-school Mission Funds.

We your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The missionary spirit of our great Church is engaged in the advancement and spread of missionary work. The Sunday-school is a part of the great Church universal. The missionary department is a proof of the assertion, that the Church is not complete without the Sunday-school.

Day schools are for the advancement of secular education, and the preparatory through which the worldly wise are fitted and prepared for the pursuits of this life, as demonstrated by guilded palaces and grand places of amusements, that we come in contact with in our large cities, where hundreds and thousands—yea, millions—of souls are lead to destruction.

The Sunday-school mission is the factor that is destined to counteract this gigantic evil.

The great A. M. E. Church and auxiliaries are accomplishing this in part, but we wish to enlarge our borders and push this battle to the very gates, forcing them wide open and rescuing those purchased with Christ's blood. We wish to unite all of the distinct parts of the organic being connected with the Church and its auxiliaries, that are so highly essential to the building up of Christ's kingdom. This missionary spirit was fully demonstrated in Christ and his followers from the first centuries down the line of time to the great Reformation in the sixteenth century and so handed to our great Church through that grand and glorious man, Bishop Richard Allen, who traveled footsore but not weary in well doing; energetic, and strong; ever willing to spend and to be spent in the service of God. He fostered and fathered this work that we are now engaged in.

And it becomes the duty of every Christian worker, whether in pulpit or pew, to go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come into the Sabbath-school, and so into the fold.

The Rev. H. B. Parks, our able and proficient Secretary, is forwarding this work throughout our whole connection; but we believe that he is not able to reach all the desired places, and all places are desired, for Christ says, "Go preach my word to all the nations, tongues and peoples." So we have a great responsibility resting upon us as Christians. Pastors should personally look into every home within their pastoral charges, and urge and press upon the people the necessity of Sabbath-school attendance, and Bible study at home.

Every true African Methodist has this spirit indoctrinated in him, and it is a part of his life, guiding and directing his movements along Christian lines. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he gets old he will not depart from it." We are once a man and twice a child. If a good child, with these principles thoroughly indoctrinated, when we become old and childish we will have that sweet influence of our early Christian education.

We urge upon one and all strict and close attention to this great work, personally fostered and cared for by each pastor.

Pittsburg District	$100.70
Allegheny District	158.61
Wheeling District	47.22
Total	$306.53
Last year	184.35
Increase over last year of	$122.18

O. T. DAVIS,
E. R. BAZIER,
F. E. BOWSER.

Rev. G. G. Skinner read the following report of the Committee on Presiding Elders' Assessments:

Report of Committee on Presiding Elders' Assessments.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., Oct: 16, 1899.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

BRETHREN:—We, your Committee on Presiding Elders' Support, beg leave to report as follows:

We have inquired as to the financial ability of the churches, and the amount paid for support of Presiding Elder, and recommend that the assessments of the churches in Pittsburg District remain unchanged;

That the Allegheny District be assessed as follows:

Charleroi	$ 8.00	Monessen	$ 3.00
Pike Run	5.00	Kane	4.00
Bellevue	5.00	Bradford	8.00
Monongahela	10.00	New Castle	4.00
Kittanning	4.00	West Elizabeth	5.00
Titusville	10.00	Oil City	12.00
Brown Chapel	35.00		

The assessments of the remaining portion of the district be unchanged.

We recommend for the Wheeling District the following assessments:

Wheeling Station	$15.00	Sisterville	$ 5.00
Parkersburg	10.00	Ceredo	6.00
Charleston	10.00	Raleigh Circuit	10.00
Weston	6.00	Hinton	5.00
Buckhannon	6.00	Indian Camp	4.00
Clarksburg	10.00	Beverly Circuit	7.00
Philippi	7.00	Morgantown	7.50
Waynesburg	12.00	Washington	20.00
Canonsburg	20.00	McGovern	5.00
West Middletown	7.50	Wellsburg	7.50

We also recommend that each pastor use all honorable means to collect the Presiding Elder's Support before each monthly meeting, as per Discipline, page 118, Section 7, division 4. We also wish to state that it is the duty of the church visited to assist in paying the traveling expenses of the Presiding Elder to the next point of service; and that he, the Presiding Elder, shall endeavor to arrange his visits so as not to encumber the church with heavy traveling expenses.

	Number in Districts.	Assessments.
Pittsburg	1563	$ 803.85
Allegheny	1450	906.24
Wheeling	734	430.20
Total	3747	$2140.29

MILO S. JONES,
W. S. LOWRY,
G. G. SKINNER.

Motion by R. H. Bumry, that the statement in the report which says, "The charges *shall pay* the Presiding Elders' traveling expenses," be eliminated, and the words "shall assist" be inserted. The motion prevailed, and the report was adopted as amended.

Memorial Service.

Rev. J. J. Norris announced Hymn 471, "Come let us join our friends above," which was sung, and Rev. J. P. Stephens led in prayer.

The following report of the Committee on Memoirs was read by Rev. R. H. Morris, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Memoirs.

BROWNVILLE, PA., October 17, 1899.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your Committee on Memoirs, beg leave to submit the following report:

REV. WILLIAM H. PRIDE.

We are called to note the death of a ministerial brother and companion in the gospel, Rev. William H. Pride, who departed this life, at McKeesport, Pa., February 16, 1899, at 5 o'clock A. M. Our lamented brother was born in Richmond Virginia, in 1851, and died at the age of forty-eight years.

He was converted at eleven years of age, and was a member of the Pittsburg Conference for fourteen years. He was a pastor and an earnest minister, going wherever he was sent cheerfully, and doing all he could to build up the Master's kingdom. He served the following charges with much success: Scranton, Pa., Franklin, Homestead, Bradford, Erie, and Clarksburg, W. Va. At Scranton he built the church and parsonage which speak well for our connection in that place. At Bradford, he repaired the church, and at Clarksburg, W. Va., his last appointment, he built his last church. It was quite a task to build our church in Clarksburg, yet the Rev. William H. Pride resolved to do that much needed work, and did it. We believe that *this* was the cause of his early death, having overreached his strength.

He superannuated from the active work about two years ago on the account of great bodily afflictions. He died in the faith, leaving to mourn his loss a faithful and loving companion, who faithfully administered to the wants and needs of our brother to the last moment; also he leaves a dear little daughter, the only child, without a father's care.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. William H. Pride, the Pittsburg Conference of the A. M. E. Church has lost a faithful

pastor, an earnest preacher, and that we bow with humble submission to the mandates of Almighty God; and be it further

Resolved, That we condole with the widow and child, in this hour of deep affliction, and commend them to Him who doeth all things for the best.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the possession of the bereaved family.

MARY BESSIE PEARL WEST.

It is also with sadness, that we call your attention to the death of Mary Bessie Pearl West, youngest child of brother and sister S. P. West. She had been a bright and vigorous child for the first year of her life, but upon the verge of her second year she became very much afflicted, but seemed willing and able to weather the storm of ill health, until June 7, 1899, when she grew worse; and from that time she began to fail, until the death angel summoned her to rest upon the banks of sweet deliverance, June 24, 1899.

Resolved, That we sympathize with brother and sister S. P. West, and commend them to Him who doeth all things for the best.

DUDLEY E. LEE.

It also fills us with sadness to announce the death of Dudley E. Lee, son of Rev. Benj. H. Lee, who was shot to death at East Liverpool, Ohio, October 24, 1898, by a man by name of George Blunt, seemingly without cause and in cold blood. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of this conference, extend the hand of sympathy to our good brother Benjamin H. Lee in this hour of deep sorrow, and commend him to God, who will judge all men.

R. H. Morris,
J. W. Jeffries,
C. Wright.

The Conference arose, and with bowed heads sang, "Shall we meet beyond the river."

Rev. Daniel Newsom of McKeesport, spoke in a very tender and commendatory manner of the life, character and faith of Rev. William H. Pride, who departed this life at McKeesport, Pa., Feb. 16, 1899.

The report of the Committee on Appropriations was read by Rev. S. C. Honesty, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Appropriations.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference, Greeting:

We, the Committee on Appropriations, beg leave to submit the following:

RECEIPTS FOR CONFERENCE USE.

Fifty-four per cent. Dollar Money	$ 770.01
Sixty per cent. Missionary Money	161.00
Contingent Money	149.93
	$1081.94
	2.60
Total	$1084.54

DISBURSEMENTS.

(TO WIDOWS OF MINISTERS.)

Mrs. Mary Watt	$ 30.00
Mrs. Gracie P. Offer	30.00
Mrs. E. Jackson	30.00
Mrs. Mary E. Russell	30.00
Mrs. Margaret Evans	30.00
Mrs. Annie Cyus	30.00
Mrs. Margaret A. Jones	30.00
Mrs. W. G. Ralph	30.00
Mrs. Rebecca Morris	30.00
Mrs. Nancy E. Tanner	30.00
Mrs. Jane Pride	30.00
Total	$330.00

(TO ORPHANS OF MINISTERS.)

Two children of Samuel Lacy	$12.00
" " " David Lewis	12.00
One child " Joseph B. Jackson	6.00
" " " David Johnson	6.00
" " " John E. Russell	6.00
" " " William H. Pride	6.00
Total	$48.00

(CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS.)

For Episcopal residence	$ 75.00
" Balance on rent of Parkersburg, W. Va., Ch..	10.00
" Pastors' Credentials	4.00
" Conference programs	4.00
" Bishop's traveling expenses	25.00
" Recording Secretary	10.00
" Engrossing Secretary	5.00
" Statistical Secretary	5.00
" Stationery	3.88
" Blank reports	4.50
" Janitor	5.00
" District Circular	15.00
" Purchase of trunk for Conference, and drayage	5.75
Photo plate of Conference	20.00
T. A. Green for expense of Conference	108.22
Total	$300.55

(FOR SCHOLARSHIP.)

Miss Bessie Morris	$35.00
Miss Bessie Grant	30.00
Total	$65.00

(SUPPLEMENT TO PASTORS' SALARIES.)

	Salary.	Amount.
Eli McKnight	$298.00	$ 15.00
J. P. Stephens	228.00	10.00

	Salary.	Amount.
A. E. Walden	$258.91	$10.00
R. M. Henderson	300.00	10.00
M. P. Cole	182.52	10.00
Chas. Garner	120.00	15.00
Alex. Smothers	197.00	10.00
Chas. Adison	56.25	5.00
J. W. Riley	140.00	10.00
O. T. Davis	125.00	14.00
M. S. Jones	266.00	10.00
C. N. Butts	100.00	14.00
B. A. L. Powell	208.00	10.00
H. G. Thomas	300.00	8.00
Thomas Chambers	19.00	5.00
C. J. Powell	191.00	10.00
G. W. Webster	50.00	10.00
S. B. Morris	302.20	6.00
E. E. O'Brient	83.00	10.00
Pierce Moore	36.00	10.00
E. R. Bazier	45.00	5.00
J. S. Eaton	150.00	10.00
J. E. Morris	150.00	14.00
R. Brown	320.00	8.00
S. Christian	185.00	10.00
S. A. Lewis	355.00	10.00
L. A. Barber	90.00	10.00
Chas. Arnold	14.35	5.00
J. A. Latterbury	.....	5.00
Chas. A. McGee	.....	45.00
W. H. Brown	.....	5.00
D. F. Caliman	.....	5.00
I. B. Till	.....	3.00
Total		$337.00

(CONNECTIONAL FUNDS.)

To Rev. M. M. Moore, Fin. Sec'y, 56% Dol. Money.....$1098.02
" " " " " " " his own Receipt..... 67.00

Total $1165.02
" C. T. Shaffer, Sec'y, Ch. Ex. 10% Dol. Money.....$ 213.89
" " " " " " " Chil. Day..... 6.56
" Bible Society..... 23.80
" Rev. G. F. Woodson, Sec'y Payne Seminary..... 188.32
" Rev. S. T. Mitchell, Endowment Money..... 32.15
" Rev. T. W. Henderson, Allen Day..... 2.00
" Mrs. Lida A. Lowry, W. M. M. Money..... 7.06

Submitted,

A. E. WALDEN,
C. J. POWELL,
S. C. HONESTY.

By motion of Dr. Palmer, a committee was appointed to investigate the moral status of Mrs. Evans, of Scranton, widow of Rev. Evans, deceased; and that the $30.00 appropriated for her remain in the hands of the Finance Committee until after such an investigation.

Revs. C. Asbury, C. Garner and J. W. Riley were made the Investigating Committee. Conference adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Conference re-convened at 1:30 o'clock. "A charge to keep I have" was sung, and Rev. L. V. Jones led in prayer.

Revs. P. A. Scott and J. P. Q. Wallace were elected ministerial Trustees to Wilberforce University, and R. H. Baker, of Washington, and W. H. Stanton, of Pittsburg, lay Trustees.

The report of the Dollar Money Auditing Committee was read by Rev. B. H. Lee, and adopted.

Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Treasurer of the General Conference fund, made a partial report of amount received for said fund, and urged the

brethren to raise amount assessed their respective charges and forward at once. On motion of Dr. Gazaway, all General Conference funds were ordered to be sent in not later than April 1st.

General Conference Assessment.

Each charge has been assessed as follows: Bethel, Pittsburg, $50; Euclid Ave., $30; Williamsport, $25; Scranton, $12; Wilkesbarre, $12; Altoona, $10; Bellfonte, $8; New Haven, $8; Braddock, $8; Lewistown, $3; Philipsburg, $5; Bedford, $5; Montrose, $5; Bloomsburg, $5; Homestead, $8; Tyrone, $8; Milton, $5; Lock Haven, $5; Greensburg, $8; Brown Chapel, $30; Chartiers, $15; Pittsburg, $5; Monongahela, $10; Brownsville, $12; Uniontown, $12; New Brighton, $7; Meadville, $6; Erie, $6; Franklin, $7; Oil City, $7; Titusville, $7; Elizabeth, $8; Bridgewater, $7; Bradford, $6; West Newton, $6; Charleroi, $6; Sewickley, $6; McKeesport, $7; Belle Vernon, $6; Olean, $6; Finleyville, $3; Wheeling, $15; Washington, $20; Canonsburg, $20; Waynesburg, $5; Clarksburg, $5; Morgantown, $5; Boone, $4; West Middletown, $5; Beverly, $5; Weston, $4; Sistersville, $4; Ceredo $4; Mannington, $4; McGovern, $4; Charleston, $5. Total $419.00.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Riley, an additional $100 was ordered raised for the traveling expenses of the General Conference Delegates, to be apportioned among the charges by the Presiding Elders.

The report of the Allen Day Committee read by Rev. A. Smothers and adopted.

Report of Committee on Allen Day.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, your Committee on Allen Day, beg leave to submit our report.

We are pleased to note that there is a growing interest manifested on the part of our ministry and congregations for the perpetuation and maintenance of our time honored institution, the Publishing Department; by the hearty responding to that appeal which comes to us each succeeding year; also the patronage and encouragement given the Department by the large circulation of the organ of the church, the *Christian Recorder*; and the many helpful volumes of literature that are reaching our homes and stimulating both ministers and laymen along the various lines to success in the cause of the Master.

We congratulate the manager of the Publishing Department on the success that has come to the Department by his earnest and enthusiastic efforts.

Our Sunday-school Department literature is pure, progressive, and is a mighty factor in giving to our children the foundation of an early training in the school of the church.

Resolved, That we urge upon the ministry of the Pittsburg Conference to do all in their power to sustain our Publishing Department. Therefore, be it further

Resolved, That we urge upon our members the necessity of taking the *Christian Recorder*, *Review*, *Discipline* and *Hymn Book* of our Church.

Pittsburg District	$ 54.72
Allegheny District	43.16
Wheeling District	11.25
Total,	$ 109.13

A. Smothers,
H. G. Thomas,
J. J. Morris.

On motion of T. J. Askew, the report on Rearrangement was reconsidered. Motion by Bro. Askew, that Uniontown, Brownsville and Pike Run be detached from the Allegheny district and attached to the Wheeling district; that Homestead be detached from the Pittsburg district, and attached to the Allegheny district.

The motion prevailed.

Rev. H. A. Grant read the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, The work of the Pittsburg Conferenee, during the present quadrennium has been of a healthy and continual growth, showing a decided and practical increase in numerical strength, spiritual force and financial potency, both as it respects local and connectional interests; and,

WHEREAS, Such beneficial results have undoubtedly followed the administrative wisdom, personal magnetism, and untiring zeal of our presiding Bishop, Rt. Rev. B. F. Lee; and,

WHEREAS, His constant, and impartial visits throughout the Conference, has given life and activity to the entire work, and endeared himself in the affections of both ministers and people; and,

WHEREAS, His easy, dignified and impartial ruling, in connection with that of the systematization of the work of the Conference, whereby the work has been brought to a state of facility, expeditiousness and completeness, and receiving thereby the highest commendation of the Press, people and ministers of the Pittsburg Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That the ministers of the Pittsburg Conference, and on behalf of the communicants of said Conference, hold with reverence, and appreciate—and more than this term implies—the intellectual force, didactic worth, faultless English, and spiritual potency, with untiring zeal for the church, as evidenced by our presiding Bishop, Rt. Rev. B. F. Lee.

WHEREAS, The past year has tried the patience, humility, patriotism, and Christian virtues of the American negro through mobocracy and unjust discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The American Press and pulpit, with few exceptions, have condoned these barbarious outrages by their silence: therefore, be it

Resolved, That while the American Press, Pulpit and people are expressing their condemnation of the French Government and its people, in the conviction of Captain Dreyfus because of race prejudice, we ask in all candor, and with an earnest desire that the God of all nations shall rule within the hearts of men, that if the American people are sincere in their advocacy of justice, that they adopt and use the same method of public protest against race prejudice and injustice that occurs daily among them. Be it further

Resolved, That we herein enter our solemn protest against the unjust laws of discrimination made in direct opposition to the spirit of the Constitution of this Republic. And while we favor any law that has as an incentive the moral, spiritual and intellectual advancement of the whole people, we regard the suffrage laws of the States of Georgia,

Mississippi, and others, as being conceived in a mind,or minds, green with race prejudice and envy. For ignorance in any people is an obstacle to progress. We, therefore, urge the negroes throughout the Republic, to obey the laws of the land, study to show yourselves approved of God; "for as much as ye know, the evil of Joseph's brethren may be your good."

WHEREAS, The District Circular has proven itself to be a considerable factor in the increase of connectional and local interests, practical suggestions, and association of the brethern communicatively, and has done much toward the development of the work to its present efficiency; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Pittsburg Conference highly commends its worth as on instructor, and as a bureau of valuable information; and earnestly request the ministry and laity to use their best efforts to increase its circulation. Be it further

Resolved, That the sum of $15.00 is hereby appropriated for its support.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Conference, return to the members and friends of this church our sincere thanks for having so royally and bounteously entertained us at their homes during our stay among them; to the choir for their sweet, satisfactory and soul stirring renditions; to Rev. T. A. Green, pastor of this church, and his excellent wife, for having arranged so successfully for the entertaining of the thirty-second session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church; to the janitor for faithful services; to the press for good and accurate reports of the proceedings of this Conference.

Resolved, That we are grateful to the G. U. O. of Odd Fellows of this city for having so kindly given us the use of their hall, in which quite a number of our preachers were comfortably cared for.

R. H. BÚMRY,
B. WHEELER,
H. A. GRANT.

Resolution.

WHEREAS, We have listened with interest and profit to the annual sermon preached by the Rev. C. A. McGee; and,

WHEREAS, We believe its wholesome truths would be read with great concern and at the same time be productive of good; therefore be it

Resolved, That a Synopsis of the sermon be furnished the Publishing Committee, and that the same be published in the minutes of our Conference.

D. S. BENTLEY.

The report on Mite Missionary Funds was read as follows by Rev. B. A. L. Powell and adopted:

Report of Committee on Woman's Mite Missionary Funds.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference, Greeting:

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Woman's Mite Missionary Funds submit the following with the greatest care.

As Elisha saw a great woman on his righteous mission in oriental days; as Rahab made her name memorable and moved the pen of inspiration to write it on the list of the faithful; as the Saviour gazed with admiration and commendation at the poor widow in that unusual case of generosity; as Barrett rhymes with his poetical pen—

Not she with traitorous kiss the Saviour stung,
Not she denied with unholy tongue;
She whilst Apostles shrank, could danger brave,
Last at the cross and earliest at the grave.

In like manner your Committee report with joy and commendation the effectual and glorious work of the sisters of the Pittsburg Conference in gaining so great a sum, and which they have already sent to their general treasurer. And may the words of this inspiring missionary hymn of Rev. Daniel March awaken others, so that they may rush to the ranks to help and encourage these dear sisters of the Mite Missionary Society, who are worthy of reinforcement in money, prayer and labor.

If you cannot cross the ocean
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer—
You can help them at your door.

If you cannot give your thousand,
You can give a Widow's Mite;
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in his sight.

Amount raised from all sources and sent to the general Treasurer:

Pittsburg District	$393.16
Allegheny District	442.76
Wheeling District	150.17
Total	$986.09
Last year	581.24
Increase	$404.85

Very heartily we remain your Committee, and servants of the Lord Jesus.

B. A. L. Powell,
J. W. Brown,
Chas. N. Butts,

Rev. J. W. Jeffries urged the pastors to organize the boys into "Boys' Brigades."

One thousand conference minutes were ordered printed, and the Secretaries were appointed Publishing Committee.

Conference adjourned, with benediction by Rev. F. E. Bowser.

Evening Session.

Conference was called to order at 8 o'clock by Bishop Lee.

Hymn 226, "O, for a heart to praise my God," was sung, and Rev. T. J. Simmons led in prayer.

Rev. T. J. Askew offered a motion that the Conference ask the Women's Mite Missionary Society to appropriate $25.00 per quarter to the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District. The motion prevailed.

Rev. D. F. Caliman read the following report on College Students:

Report of Committee on College Students.

To the Bishop and Members of Conference:

We, the Committee on Students to Payne Seminary and Wilberforce, submit the following:

At the present we have no conference students to recommend to the Seminary. We want, however, some young man who has a good common school education, gifts, graces, perseverance, and a promising future, with a proper regard we trust, for a trained ministry. The Pittsburg Conference stands ready to generously assist such an applicant.

We are pleased to learn of the prospect and success respecting our young women students at Wilberforce, Misses Bessie Morris, Bessie Grant, and Fannie Harrison, and also Mr. Charles H. Brown.

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, stand united, heart, thoughts, and hand, to make our institution of learning a blessing and an honor to our Church and race.

W. H. Brown,
D. F. Caliman,
C. A. McGee,
R. M. Henderson.

The report was adopted.

The records of the the meeting of the Church Extension Board were read by Rev. Caliman, and approved.

Record of the Meeting of the Church Extension Board.

Brownsville, Pa., October 11, 1899.

The Church Extension Board was called to order, Bishop Lee in the chair.

The following were present:—Revs. W. H. Brown, D. F. Caliman and C. A. McGee.

W. H. Brown led in prayer. D. F. Caliman was elected seretary.

The following applications for loans were endorsed.

The church at Bedford, $50.

The church at Duquesne, $50.

The church at Ceredo, West Virginia, $75.

The Board adjourned.

B. F. Lee, Chairman.

D. F. Caliman, Secretary.

A motion prevailed that the sum of $45.00 be appropriated out of the Church Extension funds in hand, for the Montrose Church, which is embarrassed to that extent; and also that a sufficient amount be drawn from the same fund to pay the traveling expenses of Dr. Asbury from Williamsport to said charge, to attend to the matter.

Rev. D. S. Bentley was reelected Conference Book Steward.

Dr. Bentley came forward, and in a very expressive and happy speech, on behalf of the Pittsburg Conference, presented to Bishop Lee a beautiful gold watch.

The Bishop accepted the gift with a fitting and commendatory speech, and gave great evidence of the high esteem in which the preachers of the conference are held by him. He said, "The greatest scholar, perhaps, is not found in this conference, but the Pittsburg Conference averages up the best of any conference in the connection. Wherever I am, I shall have a warm heart for the Pittsburg Conference, and can never forget you as long as the watch runs."

Rev. R. H. Bumry read following list of contributors to the watch fund for Bishop Lee:

Donors to the Bishop Lee Watch Fund.

R. H. Bumry	$ 1.00	D. S. Bentley	$ 1.00
R. H. Morris	1.00	W. S. Lowry	1.00
T. J. Askew	1.00	G. C. Sampson	1.00
P. A. Scott	1.00	B. H. Lee	1.00
J. W. Jeffries	1.00	G. G. Skinner	1.00
J. W. Gazaway	1.00	H. A. Grant	1.00
D. F. Caliman	1.00	C. Wright	1.00
J. J. Norris	1.00	A. Smothers	1.00
T. A. Green	1.00	C. N Woodson	1.00
S. A. Lewis	1.00	J. M. Wilkes	.50

R. Brown	$ .50	G. B. Knox	$ .50
P. W. Douse	.50	L. V. Jones	.50
J. S. Eaton	.50	S. Christian	.50
J. A. Latterbury	.50	C. J. Powell	.50
C. E Wheeler	.50	J. W. Brown	.50
J. W. Riley	.50	C. Asbury	.50
W. N. Young	.50	W. H. Brown	.50
B. Wheeler	.50	S. P. West	.25
A. C. Hayes	.25		
Total,			$27.50

Rev. W. H. Brown formally presented the Brownsville Church with a beautiful pulpit hymnal, on behalf of the Pittsburg Conference, and Bishop Lee received it on behalf of the Brownsville church.

It was ordered by motion that the name of the Pittsburg Conference together with that of Bishop Lee be engraved in the watch presented him. A large number of the brethren gave expressions of regret that this is the last year of the quadrennium, and that it is possible that this is the last year Bishop Lee will be with us.

A motion prevailed that the Delegates to the General Conference be instructed to ask for the return of Bishop Lee to the Third Episcopal District.

President S. T. Mitchell made some very pleasing remarks concerning the relationship existing between Bishop Lee and Wilberforce University and Payne Seminary, and of the bright future before the race and the Church through the agency of these gigantic institutions.

Bishop Lee announced that he would sail for South Africa in three weeks, and asked the prayers of the Conference for his safety.

A motion prevailed that Rev. G. W. Webster be left on the reserve list this year.

The Bishop gave the Conference a few very precious closing words on the subjects, "Conscience" and "Superstition." He said, "Conscience is not somebody outside of me; I am conscience: the subject of relationship with reference to right and wrong. The next thing most essential after being 'born again' is a good con-

science. It is far better than the mere acquisition of knowledge. To associate with conscience is better than all the associations of the world. Superstition and Faith are not necessarily connected, but offer large opportunities for connection. It is well, however, to keep clear of superstition. Let the Word and life of the Gospel do their work. Superstition is no more prevalent among us as a race than among other people."

He urged the ministers to procure parsonages, and insure their churches. He also announced the following

Transfers:

J. P. Q. Wallace, B. D., and M. P. Cole to the North Ohio Conference, and stationed at Toledo and Norwalk respectively; J. M. Gilmere, B. D., from the Ohio Conference, C. P. Hurrington from the North Ohio Conference, and J. C. Williams from the Virginia Conference, and stationed at Scranton, Charleston and Philippi respectively; Rev. J. T. Evans, from the Kentucky Conference.

The appointments were read by the Bishop, and a motion prevailed to adjourn.

While "God be with you till we meet again" was being sung, all joined in shaking hands, and bidding good-bye. The Conference sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and Bishop Lee pronounced the benediction. Thus ends the thirty-second session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

BENJAMIN F. LEE, Presiding Bishop,
Wilberforce, Ohio.

PRICE A. SCOTT, Conference Secretary,
231 Hone Avenue, Oil City, Pa.

Dollar Money Roll of Honor.

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PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

BETHEL CHURCH, PITTSBURG.

J. W. Gazaway, Pastor.

The following persons paid $2.00 each:—James H. Ellsbury, Martha Reed, Joseph Highgate, Susan Highgate.

Nellie Porson and Cornelia Scott paid $1.25 each.

The following persons paid $1.00 each: Katie Burres, Charles Miller, Page W. Douse, Maggie Douse, J. L. Gazaway, Jane M. Gazaway, J. W. Gazaway, W. P. Robinson ($1.05), George McDaniels, Jennie McDaniels, George B. Knox, Indiana Hall, Rachel Jones, Annie Mathews, J. A. Hopkins, Catherine Reed, Carrie Ball, Caroline Wiley, John Short, Wilson Palmer, Alice Hopkins, Jacob Wisher, Susan Wisher, Eliza Remmer, Elizabeth Shields, Harriet Googins, Charles Long, E. Newman, Mary J. Johnson, Sister Bergerou, Joseph Evans, Charles H. Jones, Virginia Proctor, Jennie Proctor, Carrie Powell, John Edwards, Elizabeth Hankins, Lillian Jackson, Mary Dixon, Louisa Gould, Rebecca Smith, Thomas Roach, Sarah Robinson, Wade A. Martin, Rosa Catlin, Blanche Woodson, Robert Jackson, Reason Snowden, W. H. Stanton, Jr., Hannah Carter, Margaret Stanton, Laura Johnson, A. I. Billows, Dr. Robert Brady, W. H. Jones, A. B. Thompson, Cornelia Jackson, Martha Brice, David Merritt, Josephine Lewis, Samuel Golden, George W. Chaplin, S. J. Austin, Margaret Henderson, R. Mallory, Henrietta Lewis, Nannie Hardy, Walter E. Billows, Mary Gatewood, Thomas Turner, Mary V. Brady, Ellen Cain, Henry Reese, Robert Hall, Amanda Palmer, A. H. Coleman, Rosa Ormes, A. D. Briskell, David Lewis, V. W. Beckett, Henry Stanton, Henry Kiner, Priscilla Blackwell, Henry Blackwell, Katie Wright, Ellen Chaplin, Lottie Melontree, Mattie Sutton, Samuel H. Sutton, John Webster, W. T. Miller, Emma J. Miller, Thomas Gatewood, Fannie Anderson, Thomas J. Monroe, Bessie M. Monroe, John W. Howard, John Fogg, Sophia Fogg, J. F. Gilbert, Lulu Randals, Bro. McClaine, Sarah Askins, Mattie Jones, Harriett E. Jones, Lizzie Singleton, Fannie Carter, D. H. Barnett, Augusta Williams, Lucy Washington, Howard Woodson, Catherine Gray, Mary T. Morrison, Carrie Simmons, J. R. Vaughn, Bertie Gordon, Rebecca Aldridge,

Taylor Aldridge, Gracie P. Offer, Mary E. Perkins, Jennie Kanna, Florence Billows, George Eglond, James Cain, Edward Stanford, Lucy Dammond, Margaret Thompson, Mary Moles, M. E. Fields, Samuel Roach, Mrs. A. Manks, S. Manks, Hallie James, David James, Charlotte Austin, Mary Roach, Mary Lawson, Cora Washington, James Powell, Willis Austin, Elizabeth Hunter, J. H. Wells, Dr. Wm. Coe, Charles Miller, Elizabeth Washington, Phelina Lucas, Robert R. Thompson, Annie Bailey, Mortimer Dimey, Hannah Robinson, Mary Barnes, Emma Thompson, John Mellontree, Joseph Stanton, Ida Lee, Annie Coe, Jennie Palmer, Susan Manly, Jennie Johnson, Sophronia Penn, Lizzie Dorsey, Rebecca J. Cox, Emma Arter, William Mason, James H. Johnson, Catherine Beckett, Celia E. Taylor, George Taylor, Celia E. Peck, Sarah Orbison, Lina Johnson, Charles M. Palmer, William H. Rodgers, Mrs. A. Pettigrew, Mrs. A. Winn, Thomas Brooks, Leon Lee, John Green, Valinda Hilton, Josephine Baltimore, Mary Gatewood, Mary J. Johnson, James Hardy, James Thomas, Mrs. Thomas Turner, Nellie S. Garner, Nellie Houston, Frances Green, Gertrude Enty, Martha Ramey, Clayton Ragan, Mrs. Ragan, Mary Manks, Edward Nicholls, Annie F. Beasly, T. C. Hankley, Merrilla Hutchinson, D. J. Duiguid, D. Todd, Jerry Highgate.

The following persons paid 75 cents each:—Lucy Bedford, Henry Myers, Martha Myers.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Laura Douse, H. Herbert, William Mathews, Julia Saunders, Mariah Johnson (60 cents), Henrietta Dawson, Joseph Jetters, John Thompson, Prudy Coleman, James Smith, Laura V. Emerson, Fannie Pindall, Lucy F. Austin, Effie P. Austin, Lydia Jetters, Pauline Lewis, Walter Garner, Edna Garner, Mary Lewis, Robert N. Johnson, Annie Bird Woodson, Catherine Gray, Mary A. Johnson, Margaret Bacchus, S. H. Bacchus, Isadore Thompson, Mary Murray, Martha Sims, Eva Thomas, Mary Damond, Jane Lovett, Lucy Manly, William Manly, Sarah Snowden, James Wilson, Ellen Davis, Winfield Southard, Mary F. Southard, Carrie Barnett, Mary Smith, Nelson J. Miles, Priscilla Todd, Maggie Jobes.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Jennie Coleman, John Robinson (30 cents), T. J. Smith, O. W. McDaniels, Ethel May McDaniels, Master Ira C. McDaniels, Georgetta Collins, Ella Grayson, Robert Tocus, W. E. Grayson, Matilda Thomas, W. R. Owens, cash 25 cents.

Alice Banks paid 10 cents.

Total, $238.10.

EUCLID AVE., EAST END PITTSBURG.

J. W. Jeffries, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Josephine Ashfield, Ellen Battles, Josephine Patience, Alex Kelly, Nancy Allen, Levy Grasen, Matilda Graham,

Hettie Pernell, Hettie Solomon, Alex Saunders, Melinda Smith, E. A. Jeffries, Lucinda Thompson, Lilly Barkes, M. S. Justice, Arminta Robinson, Wm. Thompson, Jane Anderson, Lucella Lewis, Early Strather, Louise Saunders, Florence Harding, Addie Jones, Mary E. Thomas, Louise Scott, Lewis Scott, Fannie Barkes, Charly Bullitt, Harriet Deems, Millie Nelson, Charly Washington, Francis Justice, Bessie Gibson, Leolo Brown, Sarah Coy, Henrietta Gray, George Baily, Viola Johnson, Lizzie Deams, M. E. Miles, Wm. Ester, Charly Coy, J. B. Jackson, Martha Beasly, Mary Grinage, Maurice L. Merideth, Robert Wheeler, Maggie Fields, Caroline Fields, M. L. Tobias, Sophy Truly, Samuel Bransom, D. M. Blair, Emma Sherow, Henry Booth, Wm. Anderson, Wm. Kelly, Mary Everett, Mary Booth, Lizzie Brown, Robert Beasly, W. S. Lewis, Fanny Anderson, Howard Ball, Lillian Green, Emma Williams, Alice Smallwood, Bettie Hunter, Carrie Webster, Emma Stewert, I. W. Strother, Annie White, Timothy Linch, Hester Powell, Annie Linch, Annie Jackson, Dallas Carter, Lucy Strather, Charles Bias, Robert Paul, Ida Carter, John Pinckard, Alice Baily, Ida Paul, C. E. Payne, Elija Bond, Millie Bond, Rosa Ball, James A. Hunt, Sadie Jefferson, J. E. Holmon, D. M Beneman, Jeola Childess, Abraham Easly, Ida Richardson, Charles A. Holly, Georgie M. Hunter, Abner Lawson, Wm. C. Scott, Lottie Hall, Susan Walker, Mrs. Forest, Amanda Bransom, Lucy Buckner, Emma Blanchard, Mary Arrington, Sadie Jefferson, Roy Wheeler, Georgie Rose, E. Goldwire, Rosa Benerman.

Hanah Johnson paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Lizzie Spurlock, Sadie Duiguid-Eugene Numan, Flora Addison, Terresa Brown, Miria Dawson, Gertrude Coleman, Ellen Jackson, Laura Johnson, Elizabeth Catlin, Julia Jason, Sarah Thompson, Ella Thompson, Sarah Jackson, Annie May Tobias.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Laura Simms, Mrs. Reed, Ellen Wade.

Total, $118.25.

SCRANTON.

REV. H. A. GRANT, Pastor.

Mrs. H. E. Colwell and son Harry paid $1.25. Mrs. H. A. Grant and son William R. A. Grant paid $1.25. Charles Smith, Lulu Smith and daughter Florence Smith paid $1.25.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Virginia Thomas, Margaret Evans, Julia Hill, Joseph King, Deliah Ball, W. H. Harris, Martha E. Harris, E. T. Ivory, Edward Nelson, Anna Davis, Jeremiah Logan, Cephas Scott, Mrs. Cephas Scott, Charles Plater, John Howard, Almira Slocum, Marshall Tinker, John Dorsey and Louisa Dorsey, Daniel Dorsey, Lewis E. Morton and Sadie J. Morton, M. B. Howard and Mrs. M. B. Howard, Clara C. Stackhouse,

Pattie Patterson, Rose Jackson, Alamanzo Porter, Harry Sampson, Harry Colwell, Florence Lilly, Mrs. William Smith, Sarah Walker, Ida Huff, Festus Crump, Charles E. Jackson, Edward Jackson and Carrie Jackson, Edward E. Cuff, Carrie Smith, Samuel Porter, Hattie Howard, Alex Patterson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—John Simmons, Anna Lee, Maggie Lilly, Abi Nelson, Anna Stackhouse, Clara Brown.

Friends of the pastor, $5.25.

Total, $55.50.

WILKESBARRE.

J. H. GRANT, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—S. J. Patterson, S. Norman, A. O. Patterson, H. Miller, Geo. Young, Robert Cheasman, Henry Johnson, John Logan, Adam Woodson, Thadis Smith, John Branch, Sharp Curry, Thomas Robinson, John Sorals, Geo. Sorals, Cornealous Pegram, A. Ederson, John Williams, Henry Welington, Thomas Wynder, Samuel Welcome, John Smith Williams, Elsworth Downey, Ira Brown, Williams Jackson, Samual Keels, Mary E. Reynolds, Hattie Smith, C. Norman, C. Nelson, Anna Welcome, Martha Rasper, Angeline Welcome, Blanche Phenix, Susie Young, Anna Downey, Maud Mickens, Eugene Walker, Alice Logan, Percillow Kinslow, Mary Downey, Sarah Towns, Emaline Williams, Lyla Johnson, Bertha Patterson, Susan Johnson, Rosia Brown, Ellen Brown, Lettie Brown, Mrs. M. J. Smith, Margaret Sharkey, Anna J. Morris, Miss V. Pearson, Mrs. Carry Chambers, Eliza Butler, E. Cheasman, Mattie Branch, Mary S. Miller, Jamia Wallace, Mary H. Brown, Emma Thompson, Lucie Chiler, Mrs. Mickens, Mrs. Emma Mason, Mrs. Powell.

Emanuel Howard paid 75 cents. Mary Generals paid 55 cents,

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Lizzie White, Mr. J. T. Cumpton, Henry Robinson, Prisila Chambers, Martha Chambers, Mrs. Mamie Griffin, Maria Neal.

Maud Snyder paid 45 cents. Irean Hazen and Emly Patterso npaid 30 cents each. Emly Addison paid 25 cents. Maggie Wallace and Eli Robinson paid 15 cents.

Total, $72.00.

WILLIAMSPORT.

CORNELIUS ASBURY, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—John Gross, Mary C. Willis, Joseph L. Anderson, Mariah Anderson, Berkley Blue, Bell Blue, John H. White, Harvey Dorsey, Hannah Green, Sarah T. Smith, Elizabeth Cross, Mary

Russell, Sarah White, William Hopkins, Alonzo Watson, Isaiah White, John Fairfax, jr., Willis Branson, Ella Mature, Annie Cuff, Annie C. Hopkins, Annie White, Charlotte Jones, Esther Newman, Henry Newman, Mary Wagoner, Randall Allison, Angeline Burris, Louisa S. Asbury, Perry Somers, Job Jones, Charlotte Blue, Lizzie Dunn, Hutchinson Johnson, Joseph Jones, W. H. Stewart, Lizzie Hutchins, Rebecca Barber, Lizzie Poindexter, William Cross, Eli Alexander, David Blue, Sadie Jackson, Elizabeth O'Brien, Jeremiah Blue, Henry McDowell, Annie M. White, Harriett Hagan, David Anderson, William Stokes, Cora Goodman, Annie Goins, William Draper, Olie Offord, Sarah Gross, Ermin White, Cora Taylor, Victoria Branson, Mary E. Blue, John Brown, Mary E. Stevenson, Annie Jones, Louisa Blue, Marion Kelly, Lewis Cuff, J. W. Dawkins, Henrietta Harris, Jeanette Mellick, Henry Stokes, Rebecca Robison, Richard Lustre, John Fairfax, sr., Bell Johnson, Mrs. Henry White.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Sarah Hollinsworth, Isabella Russell, Maggie Parker, Elizabeth Bizan, Emma Allison, Sarah Conrad, Nancy Peterson, Charlotte Harris, Sarah Hughes, Howard Augusta, Bessie McDowell.

T. Douglas Green and Ruethella Robison paid 25 cents each.

Total, $80.00.

Mary E. Stevenson and Annie C. Hopkins paid $1.00 last year and their names did not appear on the roll.

ALTOONA.

B. A. L. Powell, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—L. Cox, M. Paul, Flora Nesbit, T. B. Shorter, W. H. Holmes, A. Powell, Ellen Posey, Mrs. Worldly, Maggie Whiting, Mrs. J. H. Shorter, Annie Stanton, Sarah Brown, Mary Wilson, Mrs. B. A. L. Powell, Mrs. A. Powell, D. C. Johnson, Henry Stanton.

Total, $17.00.

BELLEFONTE.

C. N. Woodson, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Alfred Stewart, Earnest Jackson, James Carter, Lucy Stewart, Peter Jones, Adaline Lawson, Maria Green, Ben Williams, William Mills, Edward Overton, Tamizine McDownald, Margaret Powell, Mary Pendleton, Celia Mills, Annie Brown, Henry Williams, Harry Johnson, Thomas Pendleton, sr., Samuel Robison, James Miller, Lettie Carter, Florence Overton, Della Woodson, Matilda Dorsey, Luvenia Williams, Robert Harris, William Jackson, Thomas Pendleton, jr., Minnie Dubois, Martha Miller, Katie Green, Lawrence Williams, Louisia Robison, Ellen Thomas, Mary Delige James Thompson, Celia Taylor, Lizzie Stewart, Lizzie Lee, Rebecca Delige,

Mary Miller, Georgetta Woodson, Julia Fitchett, Francis Boston, Carrie Mills, Emma Green, Maggie Valentine, Sadie Jackson, Sally Mosy, Clara Williams, Hattie Harrison, Goen Thomas, Celia Williams, A. V. Jackson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: —Martha Overton, Baby Ella F. Jackson, Angeline Conrod, Frank Johnson.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Wilhelmina Woodson, Leah Woodson, Alice Williams, Stewart Woodson, Wayman Woodson, A. Motain, William Woodson, Mary Stewart.

Total, $58.50.

MUNCY.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Lee Kennedy, Ola Kennedy, Ellen Smith, Harry Smith, Daniel Emanuel, Libbie Kennedy, Susan Kennedy, Robert Wylie, Ella Kennedy.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Pearl Smith, Lee Roy Smith.

Total, $10.00.

NEW HAVEN.

B. Wheeler, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Anna Buchanon, Nicholas Scott, Elizabeth Wheeler, Robert Washington, Elizabeth Jones, Anna Harrison, Jennie Barker, Virginia Benford, William Cager, Georgie Hunter, J. H. Thompson, Elsie Gardener, Berrell Mills, T. H. Brown, Allie Brown, William Coleman, Levena Coleman, Elizabeth Ross, Jennie Diggs, Charles E. Brown, John Brown, Rebecca Golden, Esau Gardener, Harriet Wallace, Sandy McNeal, Noah Straughter, Lena Straughter, Emma War, Mary Green, Mary Lewis, Rosa Pondexter, Mary A. Jackson, Sidney Washington, Ella Williams, Mary J. Watts paid 50 cents.

Total, $35.50.

GREENSBURG.

M. S. Jones, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Emry Stokes, Emily Morris, Nannie Beasly, Belle Lee, Mary Stokes, Lucy Jones, Cathern Lupton, Lewis H. Nimy, Rachel Stokes, Vincent Stokes, Zella Monroe, Emma Hackney, Charles Stokes, Augustus Stokes, Jacob White.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Eliza C. Jones, Bertha Layton, Katie Anderson, Martha Monroe.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Anna Stokes, Lewy Stokes, Clara Dixon.

The following children paid 10 cents each:—Charles Stokes, jr., David Stokes, Mary Josie Monroe, Hattie Monroe, Arthur Lee, James Lee, Elder Stokes, Frankie Stokes, Milton Jones, Charlie Beasly, Gussie Stokes, Harry Stokes, Boyed Stokes, Willie Lupton, Walti Lupton, Georgie Lupton, Nellie Hackney, Raymond Hackney, Daniel Adison Jones, Nora Fitzpatrick, Bennie Fitzpatrick.

Total, $22.05.

PHILLIPSBURG.

J. M. WILKES, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Ellen Jordan, George Williams, Harriet Williams, Sarah Williams, Seldom Polard, Lemuel Jackson, Kate Jackson, Martha Jackson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—John Alexander, Delphia Alexander, Harriet Mitchell, Leanore D. Jackson, Eliza Onley, Cynthia Freeman.

Total, $11.00.

CURWENSVILLE.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Harriet Taylor, Frink Braxton, William Pratt, Hunter Brock, Emma Watson, J. M. Webb.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Sharlott Jones, Elizabeth Sullivan, Mary Hartshorne, Ruben Taylor, Anna Jones, David Webb, William Brock.

The following persons paid 20 cents each:—Edward Barkley, Mary Barkley.

Total, $10.50.

BEDFORD.

JOHN W. RILEY, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Rebecca Thomas, John Dangerfield, Mary Dillen, James F. Fisher, James Day, Agnes Mathew, Harry Mathew, Susan Bush, Lettie Mathew, Stella Mathew.

Nancy Watkins paid 50 cents; Jane Johnson, 25 cents.

Total, $10.75.

TYRONE.

A. SMOTHERS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Susan Crampton, A. P. Lancaster, G. W. Slaughters, Mamie Smothers, Glenna Jones, G. W. Bryant, E. Johnson, Aby Snider, Gussy Plowden, C. R. Thompson, B. Crampton.

Johny Crampton paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Susan Lancaster, Wm. Willis Anna B. Willis, A. Bryant, Eulisus Crampton, Florence Crampton, F. Condell, Lewis Thompson, Thomas Brown, Charles E. Montier, Nancy Plowden, Laura Hunter, Harry Jones.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Charles Perry, G. Snider.

Mable Lancaster paid 10 cents.

Total, $18.85.

HUNTINGDON.

John S. Murrells and M. P. Tolliver paid 50 cents each. Henry Murrells, and A. S. Murrels paid 25 cents each.

Total, $1.25.

Grand Total, $20.10.

MONTROSE CIRCUIT.

C. GARNER, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—G. L. Battle, C. Battle, E. Slaughter, P. P. Norris, Jane Norris.

Jane Wilson paid 50 cents.

Total, $5.50.

WAVERLY.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—C. Bradley, E. G. Tellman, Sarah Lee, J. R. Johnston.

G. A. Johnson paid 65 cents. E. C. Parks paid 50 cents.

Total, $5.15.

WEST PITTSTON.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—C. Wheeler, Jane Hudson, F. Jones. Albert Dorsey and Julia Dorsey paid 25 cents each.

Joseph Garner paid 25 cents. Daniel Garner paid 10 cents.

Total, $4.35.

Grand total, $15.00.

BRADDOCK.

W. N. YOUNG, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Susan Miller, Mary L. Irvin, Ida Lee, Benj. Puller, Pauline Pogue, Vena Taylor, Ruth Harris, Edward Laney, Samuel Laney, James Laney, Barbara Laney, Annie Powell, Riley Jamison, William Walker, Mary Yates, Cora Walker, Lewis Ulen, Lucy Walker, George

Walker, Martha Evans, Jennie Puller, Samuel Walker, Kenny Peyton, Alice Mitchel, Henry Green, Henry Hobson, Wm. T. Young, Annie Jackson, Thomas Barlow, A. D. Leech, H. Bouchell, Maggie Smith, Sallie Bell, Anna Bell Eskridge, T. K. Thompson, Mamie Washington, W. H. Washington, Lucy Jones, W. W. Jackson, C. W. Robison, Nelia Gordon.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mary Edwards, Blanch Laney, Sarah Clark, Carrie Baker. Martha Roy paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Jennie Jackson, John Young, R. A. Williamson, Golden Young. Emma D. Young, Agnes Tyler paid 27 cents.

Total, $45.27.

HOMESTEAD.

H. G. THOMAS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—J. P. Sprages, Tucker Clark, Harry Rideout, Ollie Bell, Bowman Scott, Zaceous Blake, John Brooks, William Ody, Laura Plater, Catherine Beaverly, Arthur Brooks, Fletcher Murphy, John Claxtown, James Burkett, Hattie Burkett, Cora Kerns, Elizabeth A. Bell, Mary Susan Jackson, C. W. Posey.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Henry Brodus, Laura Clark, Graham Mathews, Emanual Randolph, Emma Lewis, Sada A. Randolph, Thomas Jackson, W. H. Hopson, Rachel Sims, Elizabeth Jackson, Katie Steward, Abraham Steward, Fanny Kahill, Samuel Condiff, Elsie Condiff.

Elizabeth Scott paid 45 cents.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—James Mitchel, Martha Mitchel, James Dickison, Amanda Dickison, Emma Ralph.

Mathew Beverly paid 5 cents.

Total, $28.25.

LOCKHAVEN CIRCUIT.

O. T. DAVIS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Mary Brown, John Roberts, James Tylor, Lucinda Stills, Clara Butler, Elmer Burges, Annie T. Davis.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—W. H. Jackson, Peter Brown, Lucretia Jackson, Josephine Tylor, Rachel Burges.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Lizzie A. Davis, Jessie Davis.

Total, $10.00.

JERSEY SHORE.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—W. C. Williams, David Wilson' Elizzia Crabb, Mary Jane Williams, Annie Molson.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Hardeina Carter, Lydia Carter

Total, $6.00.

MILTON.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—George Hector, Edward Carter, William Marshall.

Total, $3.00.

Grand total, $19.00.

BLOOMSBURG CIRCUIT.

C. N. BUTTS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Mrs R. Henson, J. F. Parks Anna Sewells.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—E. Hawkins, Bertha Sewells, Ella Johnson, Ida Henson, Carrie Stuckey.

Total, $5.50.

DANVILLE.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Elizabeth Boley, Mary Jordan, Cora Jordan.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Nellie Jordan, Anna Johnson, James Jordan.

Total, $4.00.

Grand total, $9.50.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

BROWN CHAPEL, ALLEGHENY.

R. H. MORRIS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Alexander Berry, Maggie Wilson, Lydia W. Jones, William Smith, Mary Napper, Nancy Ransom, Cora Stafford, Frank W. Poindexter, Hettie Smith, Mary Overhall, Charles Bronson, Hester Mitchell, William Mitchell, Anna Banks, Joseph Washington, Minnie Tankard Lonesa Henderson, Josephine Jordan, J. T. Dorkins, Ida Jones, E. C. M Stevenson, Sarah Fields, John M. Smith, Sarah Jackson, Nathan Peters, Robert Jordan, Belle Irwin, Emma Moore, Annie Yancy, Agnes Sluby, Mason Washington, Hannah Reinbottom. Wm. S. Smith, Mary Wayland, Rachel George, Murry Timpson, Louis Queen, Robert Johnson, Joseph Jenkins, Lonesa Washington, Ellen Green, Henrietta Jones, George G. Crunkleton, Lizzie Moore, Carrie B. Crunkleton, M. A. Morris, Rebecca M. Morris, George Wilson, Mamie Wayland, Laura Lee, Maggie M. Johnson, Anna R. Bushrod, G. W. Cook, Anna Johnson, Martha L. Lewis, Hynun Myers, Mary E. Burrels Thomas M. Moore, Charles Swaney, Silas Christian, Anna B. Christian, Maggie

M. Morris, Eliza Buck, Lillian S. Dorkins, Daniel Craig, Andrew Wayland, W. H. Frazier, Isreal Kelly, Precilla Crunkleton, Elizabeth Mott, Lucy Austin, Sally Conrad, J. A. Wilson, Margaret Wylie, Jennie Saunders, W. H. Bamum, Uriah Stevenson, Emma Stevenson, Mariah Cook, Alfred Bay, Elizabeth Jones, Mary A. Beal, Rutha J. Jones, Amanda Brown, Samuel L. Lewis, Susan Johnson, Richard Hunter, E. J. Cook, Izetta Jefferson, Hannah King, J. H. Page, Henry Buck, Annie Gates, Jennie Page, Mary Lewis, O. W. Glenn, Sarah Catlin, Jacob Henderson, Sarah Henry, Matilda Wallace, Charles Slofer, C. H. Robison, Joseph Mott, Mary Henderson, Hettie Pier, Mary Ewell, Lewis, Ewell, John E. Smith, Catherine Palmer, Mary Guyder, Eva Reed, Amanda Holmes, Emma Monday, Susan E. Johnson, Ella London, Alice Brown, E. C. M. Stevenson, John Joplin, Martha Washington, Mathe W. Fields, Lewis Harps, Sarah Staunton, Eliza J. Johnson, W. H. Crunkleton, Anna Lewis, E. J. Cox, Centenial Butler, Mary Etta Robison, Chas. Pool, Rev. S. Burrell, John Lewis, Lucy B. Clay, Laura Lewis, Benjamin Voughn, Jennie Sawyer, Chauncy D. Viney, G. W. Viney, J. B. Long, Elizabeth Wilson, Emma J. Taylor, Nelson Jackson, M. J. Thomas, Anna Davis, Alverta Thornton, Joseph Crunkleton, Eliza Denney, Susan Duffin, Katie A. Jones, Eva Smith, Frank Stratton, Harriet Cole, Georganna Reed, John Jenkins, Nancy Gwyn, Myrtle Stewart, Mrs. Woodyard, Fannie Wayland, Sister Lefuick.

The following persons paid 75 cents each :— Ida Riley and Ellen Mathews.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Sarah Sterling, Sister Askens, Edward Howard, Nettie Joplin, Isaac Shores, Lonesa Sawyer, Sarah Wines, May Saunders, Emma Johnson, Lonesa Hicks, Eva Allen, Josephine Porter, Carrie E. Crunkleton James Barnes, F. W. Collins, Lonesa Anthony, Laura V. Howard, Anna Harrison, Georgeanna Bruce, Clifton Snyder, Lizzie Jones, Lizzie Collins, Mary J. Barbour, Anderson Black, Fannie Wayland, Ellen Patterson, Homer Riley, Elizabeth Godfrey, Nellie Miller, Emma Johnson, Lilly Moore, Mamie Harps, Ed. Porter, J. E. Arter.

The following persons paid 25 cents each :—James Wayland and Lilly Washington.

Total, $177.50.

CHARTIERS STREET, ALLEGHENY.

B. H. Lee, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Daniel Dorsey, William Minor, Charles Tytus, Alice Boyd, L. V. Jones, James Sliffer, Henry Boyd, Croffet Hardy, George W. Stevenson, Noah Galoway, Sister Courtney, Sister M. J. Snowden, Charley Hill, William Lucket, Paul Spence, Thomas Williams, Millie Brown, Elizabeth Dorsey, Rachel Shields, William Price, Mary Winters, George Morgan, Sheppy Cox, Emily Washington, Rosie Scott, Ephraham Morris,

Fannie Diggs, Sister Titus, Lidy Marshal, Mary Price, Rena Hill, Joseph Stokes, Rebecca Sliffer, Walker Stevenson, Lizzie Morris, Callie Morris, R. B. Allen, M. E. White, Anna Greenliefe, Sister Mason, Levy Richardson, Sister Richardson, William H. Robinson, Nancy Dexter, John Grass, Anna Biggest, Florence Brown, Martha Diggs, John W. Lucas, Irven Randall, Cora A. Lee, George W. Dexter, Joshua Frazer, Harriet Voten, Sister Sepny, Mrs. M. E. White, Mr. Tremble, Bro. Buchanon, Charley Jenkins, Sally Taylor, B. H. Lee, Julia Reggerly, Samuel Taylor, J. L. Jackson, Gerty Washington, Alice Richardson, Dudly Marshal, Thomas Fields, Will Lucas.

Bessie Rachel Woodyard paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Peter Sampson, Rachel Dorsey, Jane Howard, Hattie Rector, Mary Fields, Jennie Waters, Julia Riggerly, Rose Burges, Lizzie Rictor, Benjamin Howard, Nettie Diggs, Violet Burk, G. W. Paul, Rener Wilson, Mary Jackson, Katie Hill.

Bessie Riggerly and Cora Rector paid 25 cents each.

Total, $77.25.

SOUTH SIDE PITTSBURG.

T. J. Askew, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.10 each :—Joseph Archer, Shem Bowels, James Brown.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Irene J. Askew, Minerve Waters, Cathrine West, Annie Lee, George Goodman, Nancy Tanner, Amelia Brown, Matilda Henderson, Robert Harris, Susan Smith, Niagaria Smith, Estella West, T. J. McDowell, Tannie Williams, Mary Nelson, Louisa Bowels, Julia Turner, Mary McDowell, Thomas Henderson, Charlotte Henderson, Jennie Garette, Charles Ross, Simon Shelton, Margrett Favor, Flora Favor.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Lucretia Archer, Milton Knox, Nora Gazaway, Rosie Shepperson, Lulu Tamer.

Dorah Smith paid 60 cents. F. Isabella Askew and Mamie West paid 50 cents each ; Harry Brown and Benjamin Johnson paid 35 cents each.

The following persons paid 25 cents each :—Minerva Archer, Annie Ware, Minnie Toliver.

Total $36.00.

UNIONTOWN.

Geo. C. Sampson, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Mahala A. Sampson, Martha D. Sampson, Phebe Gilbert, Ellen Froman, Lucy Webster, Norman Johns, Robert Robinson, S. W. Hansbury, W. D. Garnes, Katie Garnes, Isaac Giles, Lida

Dorsey, Eliza Moxley, S. S. Carter, Amanda J. Carter, Mamie Palmer, Wm. Hackney, Annie Hackney, Mary Walker, Alex Belt, Ellen Brady, Troy Barnes, Emma Barnes, Emma Catlin, Katie Reynolds, Lucy Gilbert, Bell Blue, Ellis Robinson, Mary Hallow, Margaret Burgess, Annie Baxter, Elizabeth Chisolm, Josephine Thomas, Robert Butler, Lucinda Miner, Nancy Fox, Emily Grant, I. M. Skinner, George Warfield, Albert Henry, Elizabeth A. Truly, Henrietta Skinner, C. A. Jenkins, Minerva Jenkins, Anna Giles, Henry Bolden, Wylie Cousins, James Jackson, Josephine Crawford, Rebecca Bagsley. A. L. Saulsbury, Henry Young, Ida Jackson, A. L. Colman, Ida Artis Fielding Walker, G. W. McClure, Sarah J. Black, Laird Thomas.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Annie D. Sampson, Eli Curry, Mary Chapman, Delie Baxter, Ida Douglas, Francis Dix, M. K. Catlin, Elizabeth Palmer, M. J. Carter, Nancy Jackson, Martha Belt, Georgie Welcher, Powhatan McClure, Jennie Whitley, Geo. Ditcher, Lizzie Ditcher, Rachel White, Jennie Baxter, Harriet Johns, Emily Bolden, Lizzie Walker, S. J. Colman, Emma Henderson, Dr. J. T. Whitson.

The following persons paid 25 cents each :—Emma G. Sampson, Georgetta Sampson, Minnie Palmer, Lizzie Palmer, S. E. Truly, M. A. Curry, Georgianna Smothers, Cassie Smothers.

Total, $71.00.

ELIZABETH.

G. G. Skinner, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Harriet Saunders, Maggie Norris, Jane Martin, George Martin, John Holmes, Rachel Martin, Josaphine Holmes, Mary House, Maria Bryan, I. N. Philips, sr., Dorcas B. Scott, Amanda Holmes, Parthena Haddox, Mary Redmond, A. W. Scott, Nancy Pangburn, Lillie Saunders, Ella Simmons, Martha Philips, May Truman, Luke Davison, George Catlin, Hester Harrison, Robert Payne, Hiram Walker, Annie Morris, Katie Bell, T. J. Davison, Hannah Davison, J. W. Batch, A. J. Batch, S. L. Pangburn, F. D. House.

Amos Martin, Catherine Morton and Annie Pangburn paid 75 cents each.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Armada Simmons, Edward Holmes, Tillie Saunders, Lizzie Catlin, Inas Saunders, Eliza Ramer, Amanda Skinner, Edith Philips, Workman Simmons, jr., Smith Martin, Cora Scott, Frank Scott, Thomas Holmes, Sadie Pangburn, Olie Martin, Adline Bryan, Washington Simmons, Lloyd Simmons, Stephen Batch, J. H. Pangburn, Eli Bryan, Katie Catlin, Linnie Simmons, Becca Pangburn. Olie Truman.

The following persons paid 25 cents each :—Lizzie Scott, Charlie Skinner, Maggie Philips, Emily Davison, Ruth Davison, Andrew Batch, Annie House, Bail Henderson, Ella Henderson.

Zora Skinner and Tommy Davison paid 15 cents each.

Mabel Skinner, Hannah Davison and Lidie Terrell paid 10 cents each.

Total, $50.60.

OIL CITY.

P. A. Scott, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each: Gertrude French, Peter Bryan, Cornelia D. Scott, Lucinda Bryan, Ruth Hopkins, Charles Simons, Susan Simons, Levi Newsom, Martha M. Walker, Amie Brice, Joseph Myers, R. H. Mann, Hannah Mann, Corena Jones, Charles B. Ashby, Carrie Peterson, Tempy Gray, Emma J. Hill, S. T. Lucas, Corena H. Orbison, J. E. Lucas, H. E. Christy, Flora Christy, Noble Johnson, DeVoe Bassett, M. W. Franklin, Eliza Franklin, Finley J. Orbison, Ralph Wilson, Sarah Jenkins, Elizabeth Ashby, John W. Ashby, Richard Hopkins, Nettie Thompson, R. H. Gray, Annie Brown, Andrew Bolden, Alice Bolden, Jerry Williams, Wesley Paul, Rose Paul, Susan Anderson, Jennie Jackson, Emma Hayes, Harrison Moore, Henry Vaugn, Jessie Barrett, Edward A. Milton, Hattie Hollenbeck, James Rollins.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Clara Maud Scott, Belle Jackson, Mrs. Williams, Francis Johnson, Gertrude Hill, Laura Hill, Charles Jackson, Fred Anderson, Martha Rankin, Sarah Johnson, James B. Murphy, Maude Clark, John Murphy, John W. Milton, Willie Franklin.

Martha Stewart paid 30 cents, and John Polk 25 cents.

Total, $58.05.

MONONGAHELA.

S. P. West, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Albert Long, Scott Spencer, Peter Bowman, J. J. Jones, H. Clayborn, R. H. Smith, Mrs. R. Kemper, Mrs. E. Randolph, Mrs. M. Ferguson, Mrs. M. J. Simmons, Miss Myrtie Kemper.

Mr. Fred Randolph paid 75 cents. Mrs. M. B. Jones paid 65 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Mr. Moses Jones, Mr. A. Steel, Mr. R. Kemper, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mrs. Ida Smith, Mrs. Cora Palmer, Mrs. Anna Jones, Mrs. Jane Massett, Mrs. Leona Steel, Miss Levada Carter, Miss Anna Wheeler.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Mr. J. W. Alexander, Mrs. Julia Turner, Mrs. Gertrude Pitt, Miss Odessa Cloughton, Miss Daisy Randolph.

Master Brinton Jones paid 15 cents.

Total, $20.00.

WEST ELIZABETH.

Joshua J. Norris, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Joseph Randolph, Lafayette Randolph, Alex. Randolph, Charles H. Armstrong, Malissie Armstrong, Effie Randolph, John Brown, Mary Brown, Hattie Randolph, Luviser Randolph, Amanda Strather.

Joe E. Ford paid 75 cents. James Anderson and Elvira Anderson paid 50 cents each.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Monroe Randle, Luella Randle, Wesley Strataton, Patsey Randolph, Mary Wood, Emma Smith.

Walter Carter paid 15 cents.

The following persons paid 10 cents each:—Charles M. Scott, Nellie V. B. Scott, Ida Smith, Grace Smith.

Total, $17.35.

WEST NEWTON.

Mary Watkin paid $1.25.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Clayborn Gray, Peney Griffin, Addison Jett, Alice Humbert, M. E. Lattin, Carrie Jordon, Mary Wheeler, M. L. Norris, Jennie Scott.

George Jordon paid 80 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Elizabeth Jett, Mary Jordon, Arsula Miney, Lizzie Green, Christina Gross, Queen Robison, Lucy Lyles, Aleva Dervitt, Moses Morton, Charles Scott.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Lucy Bowman, Annie Bowman, Broden Biby, Martha Clark, Mable Norris, Viola Norris, Henry Kiney, Nanie Jordon, Mary Sterling.

The following persons paid 20 cents each:—Thomas Clark, Charles Miney.

Samuel Scrolz, Charles Walters and Walter Scott paid 10 cents each.

Total, $18.30.

CHARLEROI.

W. H. PALMER, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—John Richerson, May Richerson, Henry Smith, Mary Smith, Spots Stroughers, Rosa Stroughers, Moses Reed, Nancy Reed, W. H. Freman, Mary Freman, John Webster, Sarah Webster, William Smith, Mary E. L. Allen, William Smith, jr., Maggie Berrel, Josephine Payton, Elizabeth Primns, Mary Berrel, Lyda Flood, William Fredrick, Josephine Smith, Finnely Ware, Mrs. Jones, Lee Viena Smith, Miss Ida Brown.

Total, $25.00.

NEW BRIGHTON.

WALTER S. LOWRY, Pastor.

Annie Saunders paid $1.25.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Rev. D. F. Caliman, Lida A. Lowry, Mrs. Viola Caliman, Harriet Smith, Amanda Wells, Robert Johnson, Emelia Jackson, Anna R. Webb, Lydia Jordon, Isabelle Penney, Georga Webb

Alvina Stewart, Anthony Logan, Elia Jackson, Emily Saunders, Robert Dabney, Clara Jones, O. H. Harris, Romain Leland, Richard Smith, Elizabeth Webster, J. M. Webster, Eva Porter, Charlottie Bruien, Katie Flenoy, R. M. Brown, A. Jackson, Lucy Jackson, Elizabeth Doson, Mr. Wading, John W. Bruien, Edward Williams, Mary J. Logan, James Bruien.

Harriette Harper paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mary G. Jackson, Harry Webster, J. F. Stewart, E. M. Harding, Mary Harding.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Della Caliman, Lura Caliman, Bessie Jackson, Charley Woodson, Nellie Lee.

Total, $40.00.

WEST BRIDGEWATER.

R. M. Henderson, Pastor.

The following persons paid one dollar each:—Ruth Webster, Ruth Patterson, Rose Sayles, Archable Hoghead, Mary A. Cole, Jula Bolden, Clara Ash, Sidney Freeman, H. E. Butler, James W. Butler, A. W. Tanner, Lucy Tanner, Ethelda Reed, John Reed, Louis Ash, Tillie Sico.

The following persons paid 50 cents each,:—Flora Webster, Agnes Eavens, Bertha Overby, Ben Bradley, Minnie Tanner, Rachel Cole, Mary A. Bradley, Marah Ash, Katie Fard, Gracie Craghead.

Nancy Eavens paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Lester Webster, Theodore Webster, Gertrude Webster, Lary Sailes, Frank Eavens, Sweetie Fard, Loretta Bolden, Mamie Straughters, Lara Redman, Sarah Redman.

Marsella Fard paid 10 cents.

Total, $24.35.

SEWICKLEY.

A. E. Walden, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—L. A. Morris, Sarah Dungee, J. H. Cole, Jacob Portee, Charlie Makle, Cora Williams, W. S. Anderson, J. F. Kinslow, Philip Brown, John Kisner, Hannah Williams, Lucy Harris, Saul Toliver, Hannah Ford, Harriet Cole.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Joseph Dobbin, John Dungee, Julia B. Hill, Amy Jackson, Chas. H. Anderson, Marth J. Morris.

Rebecca Dungee paid 25 cents.

Total, $18.25.

McKEESPORT.

DANIEL NEWSOM, Pastor.

Adam Golden paid $1.05.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Emma Mackrell, Mrs. George Washington, Mrs. Strives Dolman, Mr. Strives Dolman, Rev. Daniel Newsom, Arlinne Newsom, Delilah Milles.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Clarrie Derry, Clarence Jackson, Mrs. Greene, Andrew Scott, John W. Fields.

The following persons paid as follows:—William Johnson, 20 cents; Venzella Newsom, 26 cents; W. O. Runyan, 14 cents; May West, 13 cents; Wilbia Newsom, 30 cents; John Barksdale, 5 cents; Charles Washington, 5 cents; Archey Hickerson, 5 cents; Mrs. Sadie Banyon, 20 cents; Mary Williams, 25 cents.

By persons who do not wish their names published, $9.97.

Total, $22.15.

BELLE VERNON CIRCUIT.

G. T. SMITH, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Henry Hill, John Johnson, Frank Cornett, Harry Miles, E. Minney, J. Bazier, C. Robinson, Lucy Lockley, Mattie Lockley, Nancy Burrell, Mary Burrell, Belle Minney, E. Dillon, S. Carson, Elizabeth Dillon, W. Griffy.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Edward Day, Sarah Minney, Emma Turner.

James Minney and Arthur Griffy paid 25 cents each.

Allen Griffy and Edna Goe paid 10 cents each.

Total, $18.35.

MONESSEN.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—J. R. Lucas, sr., R. Long, George Catlin, F. Catlin, Lydia Catlin, Harriett Lucas, J. R. Lucas, jr., Susan Lee, Robt. Phillips, Susan Phillips.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Robt. Payne, R. A. Long, Israel Taylor.

Lavata Lucas paid 15 cents.

Total, $11.65.

Grand total, $30.00.

MEADVILLE.

J. P. STEPHENS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Charles Allen, Alice Gellespie, Sarah Ellen Chinn, Mayor E. W. McArthur, Cong'man A. Gaston,

F. K. Esterwood, Julia Gardner, Annie Clark, Cowen M. Gellespie, Frank White, Lena Henry, Elizabeth Pennma, Louisa Jane Denny, Samuel Miller, Elsie Bonnie, Maggie Henderson, Mildred Jones, Elias Allen, Samuel Green, Rachel Wright.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—David Lee, John R. Gordon, Rebecca Harris, Mary A. Henderson, Lida Gordon, Clara Miller, Cora Kerr, Precilla Jane Hill, Catchime Scott, Jane Sharp.

Mary Harris and Willis Sharp paid 25 cents each.

Total, $26.50.

FRANKLIN.

J. W. Brown, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Cora C. Brown, Maria Woodie, Lucinda Stephens, Angeline Henderson, Seth Stephens, J. S. Lawson, Alfred Sims, Douglas Fields, Joel Conner, W. J. Jones, Plummer Henderson, T. C. Minor, Marshall McClellan, R. A. Carter, Mary M. Fields, Eva M. Carter, J. H. Bellamy, Merritt Graves, H. B. Dickson, Nellie Nesbit, Amanda Scott, C. W. Henderson.

The following persons paid 75 cents each:—Nancy B. Rector, Elva F. Washington.

The following persons paid 50 cents each;—Nannie Stephens, Mollie Fields, Mayme Broxton, Carrie Lawson, Anna H. A. Lawson, Emma Jackson, Alex Jackson, Albert Lawson, Rupert B. Brown, Mrs. Julia, Rev. James Lawson.

Mary L. Carter paid 55 cents.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Mary Sims, Ida Patterson, A. Patterson, Canada Rheinhart, John Kelly, W. H. Brown.

Total, $31.05

TITUSVILLE.

I. B. Till, B. D., Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—George Humphries, Charlotte Humphries, John Kenney, James Jordan, Catherine Hector, John Clark, Julia Clark, Jane Neal, Emeline Hawkins, Anna Jackson, William Neal, Georgia Jones, Anna White, Ruth Newman, Frank Rakes, Sarah Samuels, Charles Samuels William Hector, John Brown, Ellen Ross, John Neal, James Rawlins, Levi Samuels, Annie Jordan, David Ross, Henry Gayton.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Isaiah Thomas, Elias Degroffe, Jennie Rawlins, Laura Rawlins, John Clark, Charlotte Clark, Annamaria Riley, Mary Hartshorn, Maud Hartshorn, Lavina Hartshorn, Albert Clark, Cassey Clark, M. J. C. Thomas, Elizabeth Degroffe.

Total, $33.00.

ERIE.

M. P. Cole, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Annie Johnson, Sarah Powers, Charles Slow, Emma J. Franklin, Harriet Gilbert.

Rose Slow and Nellie Harden paid 50 cents each.

Total, $6.00.

OLEAN, N. Y.

Eli McKnight, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Ada McKnight, Earl McKnight, Ruth McKnight, Peter Williams, Martha Tolson, E. Bonner, Julia Bonner, Howard Strong, Fannie Strong, Carrie Rowe, Eli McKnight, S. S. Johnson, G. C. Field.

Total, $13.00.

KANE, PA.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Henry Young, Mrs. Henry Young, J. McKinney, Mrs. J. McKinney, M. Burkhardt.

Total, $5.00

Grand Total, $18.00

BRADFORD.

S. C. Honesty, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—C. R. Draper, Willlam Enty, Agness Curtis, Martha Malone, Elizabeth Blackwell, Mattie Carter, David Thornell, Carrie Thornell, Martha Butter, Sophia Collins, Adalade H. Smith, P. B. Jones, Mrs. S. B. Thompson, Lottie Tyler, Harry Smith, A. Jenty, Jeaac Morganza.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—A. Lov. Honesty, Mary C. Honesty, Jessie M. Honesty, Belle Aims, Monzella Lucas, Edith, Elizabeth Logan, Edna Collins, Martha Jones.

Mildred Smith paid 25 cents. Dasie Man paid 15 cents. Gracie May Rose, paid 10 cents.

Total, $23.00.

BELLEVUE.

Charles Adison, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Wm. Warfield, Singleton Willis, Harvey Neal.

Matilda Warfield and Della Warfield paid 75 cents each.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Edward Ridley, Robert Mitchell, Grace Oliver, Mary Jackson.

Laura Lee and Jessie Warfield paid 25 cents each.

Total, $7.00.

PLEASANT GREEN.

C. E. Wheeler, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—David Darry, Annie Farris, Benjamin Brunson, Kerfoot Ross, Celie Ross, Isaac Ross, Samuel Ross, jr., George Minnie, John Minnie, Aaron Bafier.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Joseph Darry, Eliot Minnie, Matilda Ross, Edward Bowman, Annie Bowman, Martha Brunson, Grant Hines, Harry Ross, Samuel Ross, sr., Lizzie Minnie, Flora Hines.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Matilda Hooten, Edith Minnie, Violet Ross, Rhody Ross.

Belle O. Brunson and Bertha M. Ross paid 10 cents each. Floyd Ross paid 15 cents.

Total, $16.95.

KITTANNING.

F. E. Bowser, Pastor.

Maggie A. Brice, Robert A. Moten, Maggie E. Banks.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Mary E. Dixon, Perces E. Brice,

Total, $5.00.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

WHEELING, W. VA.

R. H. Bumry, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Loucinda Bradford, Matha Sterms, James West, Mattie Weaver, Jennie Wood, Clara Jennings, William Wood, James R. Bruein, Julia Q. Bruein, Sarah Lotterberry, Sarah Wooden, Reuben Norris, Wilfred Bowie, Lillian Taylor, Francis Maston, Dorcas Norris, Almeda Putman, Lizzie Jackson, Thomas Lewis, Dora Steward, James Putman, Abba Jackson, Martha Winters, Oscar Winters, Jessie Brown, Amanda Bruein, Julia Johnson, Isaac Smith, Jane Johnson, Mary. Anderson, Carrie Alexander, Jennie Davis, Houstin, Davis, Melinda Martin, Elizabeth Jackson, Jessie Johnson, Tillie Vrodie, Nellie Washington, Loucinda West, Nora Wright, Ira Johns, Bell Barnett, Gus Simmons, George King, George Brunswick, Alice Grant,

Lula Given, Virginia Farly, Zora Johns, Clarence Johns, Dora Early, Besene Grant, Ellen Alexander, Jennie Bumry, William Alexander, Lucy Allengsworth, Henry Allengsworth, Martha Moore, Julia Williams, Lucy Wood, Maggie, Weaver, Hattie Carpenter, Bertha Fletcher, Alberta Alexander, Peter Augustus, Ada Fletcher, Pearl Justice, Martha Williams, Martha Morrison.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Sadie Brown, Mamie Trice, Wutisha Perry, Mamie Boggs.

Oscar Winters, jr., and Frank Johnson paid 25 cents each.

Total, $71.50.

WASHINGTON.

D. S. BENTLEY, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—R. H. Baker, G. W. Derham, Robt. J. Patterson, Clara Berry, Martha Patterson, Ruth Redmond, Frank Cole, Emma Kelley, Ella Nelson, Thomas Banks, Mary Matthews, Sara A. Bentley, Wm. Green, Alfred Crockett, Laura Skinner, John R. Adams, Julia Caldwell, Elizabeth Henderson, Maggie Joiner, Margaret R. Chatman, Sara Bruce, Ida Jackson, Lavinia Mosebay, Josephine Asbury, Martha Williamson, Lydia Cox, Nannie Mosebay, Elizabeth Monday, Abram Berry, Samuel Shorters, Jane Chapman, George Cain, Deborah Redmond, Christopher Patterson, Marcus Willis, Isaac Asbury, Annie Greenlea, Jane Hilton, Henrietta Hall, Anna Workman, Edisto Brandy, Annie Smith, L. G. Mosebay, Elmyra Chapman, Libbie Skinner, Edward Dexter, Jonathan Davis, Isabelle Freeman, Kate Harris.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Frances Merrit, Henry Pearl, Sara Banks, Ella Miner, Helen Patterson, Annie Pearl, Albert Smith.

The following persons paid 10 cents each:—Louis Patterson, Harry McGruder, Clara Johnson.

Total, $54.70

CANONSBURG.

C. WRIGHT, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Rachel Warfield, Lath Robinson, Sarah Trisby, L. H. Wright, Abraham Lotterbury, Mariah Lotterbury, M. C. Hill, Aaron E. Randel, Jane Burges, Eliza Wheeler, George Durham, C. H. Hill, Lu Catline, Susan Tealy, Chris Davis, Lucy Davis, Cornelia Praul, Sarah Cordeck, Thomas Wheeler, A. W. Bush, Hannah Brown, Dessie Grooms, Mary S. Butler, Charles Jackson, Millie Thomas, Frances Brown, Joseph Norman, Alice Norman, Fred Bartlett, Catherine William, Wm. Thomas, Mary Thomas, Moses Bush, Anne Bush, Jennie Sluby, S. A. Warfield,

Jos. Butler, Bell Henderson, David Caldwell, Ellen Davis, Alice Robinson, S. W. Albert, Jennie Hogshead, Mansfield Brown, Ezekiel Betts, S. A. Wright, Nana Durham, John E. Harper, G. C. K. Sluby.

The following persons paid 75 cents each: Margaret Butcher, Mary A. Bush.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: -Wash. Patterson, Ida Patterson, Cora B. Praul, Emma Chambers, Ruth Brown, Alice Hill, Oliver Brown, May Wilson, Lydia Williams, Elmer McGant, Sopha Harper, Margaret McCooby, George Brown, Jesse Brown, Jennie Pool, Abraham Pool, Samuel Wilson, Thomas Chambers, Julia Chambers, Jennie Byrd, George Hayden, Anne Hayden, M. E. Wheeler, Tillie Giles.

Ida Brown paid 35 cents.

The following persons paid 25 cents each;—Mary J. Bush, Parthena Levly, Margaret Wilson, Mary Tullum, Bertha Praul.

Total, $63.60.

WAYNESBURG.

S. A. Lewis, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00:—Frances Cyus, Sarah A Baker, James Workman, C. S. Hickey, Martha Terrell, Mary Stewart, A. A. Bruce, Elizabeth Hickey, Emma Baker, Annie Bruce, Catherine Workman, Mary E. Brooks, Catherine Manley, Sarah A. Strothers, D. O. Ferrell, William T. Baker, William Truss, Henry Turner.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Lilly Cyus, Mary E. Workman, Rhettie Suttles, Daisy Ferrell, Frank Workman, W. R. Smith.

Martha Stewart paid 30 cents. Howard Workman and L. Tate paid 25 cents each. Rhettie Hickey and Samuel Hickey paid 15 cents each.

The following persons paid 10 cents each:—Maria Tate, Mrs. George Woods, Hellen Strothers, Ran Ponzoo.

Total, $22.50.

WEST MIDDLETOWN.

J. S. Eaton, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Cietta Bozier, Henrietta Eaton, Sarah Demster, Walter Demster, Jennie Patterson, Mattie Patterson, Laura Patterson, Bird Grooms, Mary Payne, Mattie Harris, Major Wallace, Clara Wallace, Lina Hill, Alice Dunlap, Elizabeth Fullum, William Dunlap, Jacob Procter (in memory of his wife, sister Mattie Proctor), Thomas Murles.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Sophy Payne, Carl Davis, Annie Dunlap, Mattie Dunlap, Edmonia Harris.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Jessie S. Eaton, Wilhelmina O. Eaton, Levi S. Eaton, Thomas Dunlap, Kittie A. Johnson.

Total, $21.75.

WELLSBURG, W. VA.

C. J. POWELL, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Elizabeth Mashon, Emma Bowman, Della Branch, Chrissie Mashon, Emma Dixon, Ruth A. Childs, Mary Childs, Alice Johnson, Emma Jones, Phyllis Edwards, John Mashon, Travis D. Dixon, Samuel Howard, Lizzie Mashon, James Pryor.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Jessie Johnson, Tina Childs, Adaline Brown, Annie Laurie.

Total, $17.00.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

R. BROWN, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Julia Ross, Alice Brown, Minerve Ashby, Agnes Ogden, Eliza Frazier, Hettie Wilkinson, Mary Grayson, L. J. Bobinson, Julia Beckwith, James Robinson, Edieth Smith, Hannah Rogers, Sophia Lee, Charlie Grayson, Allen Lee, Flora Giles, Elizabeth Johnson, Augustis Green.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Fred O. Lacy, Grace Grayson, Mrs. S. H. Guss, James Strange, Mrs. Madison Miles, Ella Morris, Willa May Lee, M. W. Grayson, Mrs. R. Brown.

Lizzy Robinson paid 30 cents; Jennie Littleton paid 25 cents.

Total, $23.05.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

J. E. MORRIS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each:—Washington Madison, jr., Ellen Smith, Allie L. Washington, Mrs. Henry Lotterberry, Mrs. Robert Lotterberry, Dora Buckner, Henry Robinson, Charles Brock, Thomas Mathen, Fidelia Wilson, Ida Brock, Charles Washington, Sophia Spencer, Robert Lotterbery, Royal Bailey, Lottie Taylor, Frank Bartlet.

Mrs. Lawrence paid 75 cents.

The following persons paid 50 cents each:—Mrs. Tibbs, Chat. Grant, Minnie Grant, Carrie Comedy.

The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Mrs. S. Griffin, Arie Doneway, John Doneway, Mary Bolds, Carrie Lotterbery, L. F. Dews, James Amiss, P. T. Toliver, Irene Morris, Mahulda Morris.

The following persons paid 10 cents each:—Bettie Doneway, Mattie Mason, Robert Dews, Amy Lotterbery.

Total, $22.65.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

SANDY CHRISTIAN, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :--S. Christian, John Edwards, Wash Holt, A. H. Brown, H. C. Blue, A. C. Hayes, Lewis Ellis, Nathan Miller, Robert Hamilton, Ragnel Moore, T. H. Baker, Sarah Edwards, Martha Holt, Mary J. Brown, Harriet Johnson, James A. Hunt, Elizabeth Christian, Emma J. Hayes.

Harriet Parker paid 75 cents; Emma Collins, Lou Ellis, John Rhodes paid 50 cents each; Lydia Johnson paid 20 cents; Ira Smith, 15 cents; Alberta Ellis, 10 cents.

Total, $20.75

BUCKHANNON W. VA.

S. P. MORRIS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1 00 each :—Ellen Smith, Lloyd Steward, Viotoria Mumford, Adam Green, Mrs. S. B. Morris.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :-- James Wade, Blair Dabney, Malinda Hunter, Jennie Burlery, Susan Madison, Libbie Dickerson.

Total, $8.00.

WESTON W. VA.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Granville Lee, Jackson Lacy, Mrs. McDonald.

L. Grant and Gilbert Grant paid 50 cents each.

Paid by friends, $3.00.

Total, $7.00.

Grand total, $15.00

BEVERLY, W. VA.

E. R. BAZIER, Pastor.

Lula Brown and Rachel Tyler paid $1.00 each. Mary Steward paid 50 cents; Belle Lindsey, 25 cents; Hannah Smith, 10 cents.

Total, $2.85.

CASSIDY FORK, W. VA.

Joshua Green and George Green paid $1.00 each.

The following persons paid 50 cents each :—Richard Green, Dolpha Green, Mary Green, Florence Green, Belle Green, Rease Lewis, Victoria Lewis.

Commodore Green, Mabel Green and Grace Green paid 5 cents each.

Total, $5.65.

ELKINS, W. VA.

Martha Jones paid $1.00. A friend, 50 cents.
Total, $1.50.
Grand total, $10.00.

SUTTON, W. VA.

E. E. O'BRIENT, Pastor.

Jessey Forney and Charty Burns paid $1.00 each. Sallie Kenney and John Kenney paid 50 cents each.
Total, $3.00

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

G. W. WEBSTER, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, Mr. and Mrs. Holland, Clara Braxton, Lettie Johnson, Nancy Mitchell, Maggie Cahoon, Mrs. H. A. Davis.

Drucilla Alexander paid 50 cents; Robert Harden, 25 cents; Eva Parish, 15 cents, W. O. Wells, 10 cents.
Total, $8.00.

CEREDO, W. VA.

L. A. BARBER, Pastor.

Contributed by special friends, $2.00.
William Dickerson and M. J. Pogue paid 50 cents each.
The following persons paid 25 cents each:—Mary Dickerson, William Gayheart, Kate Gayheart, G. W. Dickerson, Helen Dickerson, W. H. Pogue, Jessie Pogue, Anna M. Pogue.
Total, $5.00.

WAYNE, W. VA.

Fannie Fisher, Howard Fisher, William Cook and Jetie Lindsey paid 50 cents each.
Total, $2.00.
Grand total, $7.00.

McGOVERN.

T. J. SIMMONS, Pastor.

The following persons paid $1.00 each :—T. J. Simmons, Thomas Johns, Lizzie B. Stephenson, Samuel Dungee, Josephine Fitch.
Mary J. Taylor paid 50 cents.
Total, $5.50.

Numerical Statistics of Churches.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Persons Converted	Accessions.	Members in Charge.	Probationers.	Exhorters.	Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies.	Church Auxiliaries.	Churches	Parsonages.	Seating Capacity of Churches.
Wylie Ave	John W. Gazaway	30	20	498	120	..	3	3	2	1	1	750
Euclid Ave	J. W. Jeffries	23	19	178	20	2	2	2	11	1	..	500
Williamsport	C. Asbury	1	4	136	4	..	..	2	3	1	1	400
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	6	6	72	6	..	1	1	3	1	..	400
Scranton	H. A. Grant	6	....	68	6	..	..	2	1	1	1	300
Altoona	B. A. L. Powell	2	3	17	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	350
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	....	3	58	....	..	1	2	1	1	..	300
New Haven	B. Wheeler	....	1	70	....	..	..	2	....	1	..	150
Braddock	W. N Young	35	15	50	2	..	2	2	1	1	..	350
Philipsburg	J. M. Wilks	1	2	29	....	..	2	3	....	2	..	500
Bradford	J. W. Riley	....	....	23	1	..	1	....	....	2	..	300
Montrose	Chas. Garner	....	2	21	1	..	2	3	2	2	..	275
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	6	5	19	....	..	1	1	1	1	..	150
Homestead	H. G. Thomas	3	4	45	....	..	3	1	....	1	1	300
Duquesne	T. B. Chambers	....	....	6	....	..	1	....	....	1	..	75
Muncy	C. N. Woodson	1	....	9	1	..	1	....	....	1	..	150
Tyrone	A. Smothers	2	1	13	2	..	..	1	1	1	..	250
Lock Haven	O. T. Davis	3	4	21	1	..	1	2	....	3	1	400
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	....	....	11	....	..	..	1	1	1	..	200
Danville	C. N. Butts	1	1	5	....	..	..	1	1	..	..	150
Totals		120	81	1349	195	2	21	29	29	24	5	6250

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	24	28	308	15	1	5	2	12	1	..	550
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	35	30	92	12	..	2	2	2	1	1	250
S. S. Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	12	16	36	4	..	..	2	3	1	1	150
Monongahela	S. P. West	1	4	63	....	..	2	2	2	1	..	300
Brownsville	T. A. Green	24	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	8	1	165	5	1	1	1	1	1	..	350
New Brighton	W. S. Lowry	32	21	77	8	..	1	3	1	1	..	250
Oil City	P. A. Scott	12	12	60	7	..	2	2	5	1	1	300
Franklin	J. W. Brown	....	3	30	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	200
Titusville	I. B. Till	3	2	50	1	..	..	2	2	1	1	250
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	41	39	94	33	1	1	2	6	1	1	200
W. Bridgewater	R. M. Henderson	10	1	35	2	..	1	2	2	1	..	300
Bradford	S. C. Honesty	1	5	33	2	..	1	1	1	1	..	250
West Newton	J. J. Norris	9	11	66	2	..	1	2	....	2	..	500
Charleroi	W. H. Palmer	9	9	39	4	..	..	2	2	1	1	200
Erie	M. P. Cole	3	1	24	1	..	..	....	....	1	..	125
Olean	Eli McKnight	....	....	39	....	1	1	....	2	1	..	300
Bellevue	Chas. Adison	3	3	11	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	60
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	....	....	38	....	..	..	....	1	..	..	200
Kitanning	F. E. Bowser	....	....	5	....	..	..	....	1	..	..	.....
Sewickley	A. E. Waldon	....	4	24	....	..	..	2	....	1	..	.....
Belle Vernon	Geo. T. Smith	6	6	16	1	1	..	2	4	1	..	200
McKeesport	Daniel Newsom	1	10	25	10	..	..	2	....	1	..	200
Meadville	J. P. Stephens	....	....	50	....	1	..	1	1	1	1	.....
Totals		206	206	1371	110	6	18	35	50	21	8	5085

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling	R. H. Bumry	6	4	77	1	..	1	1	3	1	..	450
Washington	D. S Bently	9	14	200	38	1	1	2	4	1	1	600
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	42	80	187	42	..	..	3	2	1	1	.....
Waynesburg	S A. Lewis	12	8	29	3	..	1	2	....	1	..	230
West Middletown	J. S. Eaton	1	6	45	4	..	1	3	3	1	..	.....
Clarksburg	Rich. Brown	11	2	31	2	..	..	2	2	1	1	250
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	12	3	46	....	..	3	1	....	1	1	300
Parkersburg	J. E. Morris	3	....	17	....	..	..	....	....	1	1	250
Charleston	G. W. Webster	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Wellsburg	C. J. Powell	7	12	24	2	..	..	1	3	..	..	50
Buckhannon	S. B. Morris	41	4	79	19	..	1	1	1	2	1	25
Beverly	E. R. Bazier	5	...	85	1	..	..	1	....	2	..	150
Ceredo	L. A. Barber	4	2	16	....	..	..	....	....	1	..	100
Indian Camp	Pierce A. Moore	5	5	13	....	..	..	....	1	..	..	200
McGovern	T. J. Simmons	7	4	8	....	..	..	1	1	..	..	200
Sutton	E. E. Obrient	19	9	13	2	..	..	....	....	2	..	400
Sistersville	Chas. H. Arnold	....	7	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	..	.....
Totals		184	160	870	114	1	8	18	20	15	6	3050
Grand Totals		510	447	3590	419	9	47	82	99	60	19	14340

Money Collected for General Purposes.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Dollar Money.	Easter.	Women's Mite Fund.	Allen's Day.	Endowment Day	Payne Theological Seminary.	Education in Other Ways.	S. S. Union, Children's Day.	Church Extension, Children's Day.	Bible Cause.	Contingent.	Sunday-school Missions.	Pastor's Missionary Dues.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	General Conference Expenses.
Wylie Ave..	J. W. Gazaway.	$ 238 10	$ 70 00	$ 173 84	$ 5 00	$ 53 40	$17 00	$ ..	$ 16 28	$ 16 28	$ 1 25	$ 4 64	$.....	$ 1 00	$.....	$.....
Euclid Ave.....	J. W. Jeffries.....	118 25	26 17	124 91	6 11	29 24	5 18	.....	6 28	6 28	2 60	2 25	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Williamsport.....	C. Asbury.....	80 00	27 00	37 00	.. ...	20 00	.....	.....	4 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Altoona.....	B. A. L. Powell....	17 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 69	1 00	.....	.....
Scranton.....	H. A. Grant.....	55 50	15 00	11 00	1 00	10 35	11 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	40	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Wilkesbarre.....	J. H Grant.....	72 27	10 00	13 50	2 00	8 00	.....	.....	2 25	2 25	25	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Haven.....	B. Wheeler.....	35 50	14 22	21 32	.....	10 00	1 50	.....	5 62	5 62	50	75	5 19	1 00	.....	.....
Bellefonte.....	C. N. Woodson.....	59 00	10 30	2 40	1 40	25 30	4 00	10 00	5 50	5 50	1 00	3 00	12 19	1 00	.....	.....
Braddock.....	W. N. Young.....	45 27	7 00	3 00	2 00	8 00	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	25	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Greensburg.....	M. S. Jones.....	22 05	7 23	6 00	.....	6 00	4 00	.....	1 26	1 25	21	1 75	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Homestead.....	H. G. Thomas.....	28 25	5 65	.....	.....	2 30	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	25	30	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Tyrone.....	A. Smothers.....	20 10	7 5(	1 00	1 00	10 00	3 00	.....	2 50	2 50	25	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Philipsburg.....	J. M. Wilkes.....	21 50	7 16	3 00	..	5 81	3 00	.....	2 13	2 15	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Montrose.....	Chas. Garner.....	15 00	3 00	.....	1 25	2 25	3 00	.....	1 50	1 50	50	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....
Muncy.....	C. N. Woodson.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bedford.....	J. W. Riley..	10 75	2 50	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	15	22	1 32	1 00	.....	1 00
Bloomsburg.....	C. N. Butts.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lockhaven.....	O. T. Davis.....	19 00	2 30	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	50	1 00	3 00	1 00	.....	.....
Jersey Shore.....	O. T. Davis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danville.....	C. N. Butts.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	1 05	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duquesne.....	T. B. Chambers....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	....	$ 881 04	$ 220 03	$ 396 97	$19 76	$ 172 25	$51 68	$18 00	$ 63 87	$ 63 88	$ 7 51	$ 22 41	$ 26 39	$15 00	.....	$ 1 00

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	$ 177	50	$ 51	10	$ 106	21	$10	00	$ 43	11	$ 5	75	$		$ 9	79	$ 9	79	$ 1	80	$ 4	65	$ 34	04	$ 1	00	$		$ 5	19
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	78	25	13	20	31	14	3	55	12	34	1	50			1	50	1	50		25	2	50	7	29	1	00				
S. S. Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	36	00	10	00	19	35			10	00					2	50	2	50		25	1	00	6	48	1	00				
Monongahela	S. P. West	20	00	13	00	14	39	1	00			2	00			1	20	1	20		25		50	4	81	1	00				
Brownsville	T. A. Green	35	50	20	00	12	00			12	05					5	50	5	50			88	05	4	70	1	00				
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	71	00	18	50	27	26	1	00	20	20					5	00	5	00	1	50	1	50	3	43	1	00				
New Brighton	W. S. Lowry	40	00	16	00	52	00			16	70					3	50	3	50	1	00	2	00	3	12	1	00				
Oil City	P. A. Scott	58	00	8	43	11	45	7	00	15	67					4	00	4	00		65	1	00	9	00	1	00				
Meadville	J. P. Stephens	26	50	7	00					14	50					3	53	3	53		50		50	2	00	1	00				
Franklin	J. W. Brown	31	05	5	27	7	84	2	01	7	60	4	00			1	00	1	00		29	1	00	1	92	1	00				
Titusville	I. B. Till	33	00	5	25	11	70	1	00	5	00					1	13	1	13			1	00	8	53	1	00				
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	50	60	13	34	57	12			10	00	5	00			2	50	2	50	1	00	2	00	3	00	1	00				
W. Bridgewater	R. M. Henderson	24	35	4	00	22	00			8	10	2	00				80		80		38	1	05	7	00	1	00				
Bradford	S. C. Honesty	23	00	11	00	8	34	1	00	7	00					2	59	2	59		50	1	00	3	00	1	00				
West Newton	J. J. Morris	37	15	9	30	37	70	1	00	12	20	4	00			2	67	2	67	1	00	2	00	10	50	1	00				
Charleroi	W. H. Palmer	25	00	3	25	5	19			2	10			3	80	5	00	5	00		50	1	25								
McKeesport	D. Newsom	22	15	6	66	7	00	1	10	6	00					2	01	2	01		50	1	00	2	50	1	00				
Belle Vernon	G. T. Smith	20	00			7	17				80		50	5	28	2	50	2	50		50	1	00	2	40	1	00				
Erie	M. P. Cole	6	00	3	00	1	00			1	60															1	00				
Olean	Eli McKnight	18	00			5	00	50								2	50	2	50				50			1	00				
Bellevue	Chas. Adison	7	00	1	30					6	00						50		50				30			1	00				
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	16	85													1	00	1	00				30			1	00				
Kitanning	F. E. Bowser	5	00																							1	00				
Sewickley	A. E. Walden	17	75	3	47	3	07			3	00	2	38			1	60	1	60		25	1	00	3	50	1	00				
Totals		$ 891	65	$ 213	07	$ 443	86	$29	16	$ 188	37	$27	13	$ 9	08	$ 62	32	$ 62	32	$11	12	$ 115	10	$ 117	13	$23	00			$ 5	19

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling	R. H. Bumry	$ 71	50	$ 21	00	$ 24	90	$ 5	00	$ 20	00	$ 5	00	$		$ 3	50	$ 3	50	$	50	$ 3	00	$ 10	00	$ 1	00	$		$	
Washington	D. S. Bently	54	70	50	00	31	32	1	75	40	00	4	75			10	00	10	00	1	75	2	00	12	19	1	00				
Canonsburg	C. Wright	63	60	16	00	38	91	2	00	13	00	2	00			5	00	5	00	1	00	2	00	12	00	1	00			3	00
Waynesburg	S. A. Lewis	22	50	6	00	6	00			5	00					2	50	2	50							1	00				
W. Middletown	J. S. Eaton	21	15	3	00	11	07	1	00	5	50					1	90	1	80		25	1	00	3	58	1	00			5	00
Clarksburg	Richard Brown	23	05	5	22	7	82			8	56	2	00			3	00	3	00		36	1	00	4	90	1	00			2	75
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	17	20	3	34	9	90		50	1	00		50		50	1	60	1	60		25	1	00			1	00				
Parkersburg	J. E. Morris	22	65			7	50			1	00										36		50			1	00				
Charleston	G. W. Webster	23	05	5	22							2	00			3	00	3	00				50			1	00				
Wellsburg	C. J. Powell	17	00	2	58	3	25		50	8	00					2	25	2	25			1	00			1	00	6	00		
Buckhannon	S. B. Morris	15	00	5	75	3	52			5	00					2	00	2	00							1	00				
Beverly	E. R. Bazier	10	00			2	50			1	00					2	00	2	00		10		25			1	00				
Ceredo	L. A. Barber	7	00																		25		20								
Indian Camp	Pierce Moore	3	00														35							60			1	00		
Boone Co		1	15																												
McGovern	T. J Simmons	5	50			1	56			5	00															1	00				
Sutton	E. E. Obrient	3	00									2	00													1	00				
Sistersville	C. H. Arnold																									1	00				
Totals		$ 381	05	$ 118	11	$ 150	17	$10	75	$ 121	62	$18	25	$	50	$ 37	10	$ 36	74	$ 4	46	$ 12	45	$ 43	19	$15	00	$ 7	00	$10	75
Grand Totals		$2153	74	$ 551	21	$ 990	18	$59	67	$ 482	24	$97	06	$27	58	$ 163	29	$ 162	94	$23	15	$ 149	96	$ 186	71	$53	00	$ 7	00	$16	94

Money Collected for Local Purposes.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Pastor's Support.	P. E. Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	P. E. Traveling Expenses.	Purchasing and Repairing of Building.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	For Charitable Purposes.	Twin City Union Society Loan.	Total.
Wylie Ave	John W. Gazaway	$ 1200 00	$ 180 00	$	$ 12 00	$ 800 00	$1074 55	$ 25 00	$ 75 00	$ 108 90	$ 5800 00
Euclid Ave	J. W. Jeffries	1000 00	87 50	7 50	8 90	1421 25	407 17	86 59	68 48	.....	4176 95
Williamsport	C. Asbury	720 00	88 00	.....	3 00	200 00	250 00	812 00	12 00	.....	2233 00
Altoona	B. A. L. Powell	280 49	27 00	.....	.....	7 50	175 50	14 00	22 22	.....	548 71
Scranton	H. A. Grant	700 00	48 00	.....	5 00	300 00	160 00	38 00	28 00	.....	1386 53
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	625 94	30 50	1 80	.....	771 46	20 00	10 50	17 95	.....	1719 35
New Haven	B. Wheeler	600 00	44 00	.....	.....	.....	83 98	19 75	4 87	.....	923 16
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	600 00	36 00	4 44	.....	37 93	102 22	20 13	3 00	.....	1119 68
Braddock	W. N. Young	383 00	32 00	.....	.....	369 68	172 80	33 00	10 00	.....	851 58
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	265 66	32 00	.....	3 00	5 00	197 89	22 60	14 00	.....	635 98
Homestead	H. G. Thomas	300 00	32 00	3 00	1 00	472 50	72 00	20 34	10 00	.....	950 34
Tyrone	A. Smothers	297 75	18 00	5 25	.....	341 95	33 75	12 00	5 50	.....	838 60
Philipsburg	J. M. Wilks	425 00	32 00	25 00	.....	226 00	54 50	1 15	8 00	.....	816 58
Montrose	Chas. Garner	379 16	34 00	5 75	3 95	.....	25 00	5 00	3 00	.....	497 24
Bedford	J. W. Riley	140 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	.....	30 00	6 00	.....	.....	414 19
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lock Haven	O. T. Davis	125 00	32 38	3 00	4 00	25 00	24 00	160 04	.....	.....	426 31
Duquesne	T. B. Chambers	13 00	.....	19 00	1 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	35 50
Danville	C. N. Butts	64 40	11 00	2 00	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	112 90
Muncy	C. N. Woodson	40 00	10 00	23 00	2 49	15 09	19 70	17 30	15 00	.....	124 87
Totals	.....	$ 7577 25	$ 726 38	$ 109 74	$ 54 84	$ 4937 46	$2745 06	$1409 40	$ 297 02	$ 108 90	$ 2311 47

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	$ 1100 00	$ 126 50	$	$	$ 452 76	$ 658 50	$ 15 34	$ 110 67	$	$ 3321 70
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	715 00	66 00	4 00		250 00	168 26	5 25	21 25		1397 64
S. S. Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	583 00	32 50		4 00	300 00	75 00	6 00	8 00		1179 43
Monongahela	S. P. West	400 00	36 00		4 02	283 68	41 95	1 50	5 58		826 27
Brownsville	T. A. Green										
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	752 69	48 00	5 25	5 25	633 34	289 96	4 00	22 20		1910 39
New Brighton	W. S. Lowry	600 00	50 00		2 00	108 00	119 00	33 59	4 00		914 59
Oil City	P. A. Scott	550 00	41 40			650 00	174 30	10 86	52 40		1629 33
Meadville	J. P. Stephens	269 17	40 00	2 00	5 50	183 88	65 20		3 35		623 97
Franklin	J. W. Brown	472 00	32 00	4 50	5 65	106 40	62 55	9 77	3 00		902 37
Titusville	I. B. Till	350 00	36 00		2 00		69 42	2 60	8 50		524 66
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	600 00	46 00	5 00	4 00	208 12	120 31	31 20	13 20		1261 83
W. Bridgewater	R. M. Henderson	300 00	36 00		1 20	107 85			8 32		480 85
Bradford	S. C. Honesty	500 00	26 00	12 00	6 40	114 72	100 00	10 00	10 00		832 69
West Newton	J. J. Norris	412 00	38 00	4 00	5 00	133 09	133 09	5 00	7 00		768 65
Charleroi	W. H. Palmer	359 34	20 00	8 00	2 00	732 80	25 10	40 00			887 14
McKeesport	Daniel Newsom	578 80	42 00			255 25	6 00	9 00	6 00		1050 25
Belle Vernon	Geo. T. Smith	350 60	28 10	20 10	2 00	78 80	394 50	444 05			972 20
Erie	M. P. Cole	216 90	4 00				2 00				276 90
Olean	Eli McKnight	298 00	32 00	20 00	8 00		100 00	3 00	5 00		1093 15
Bellevue	Chas. Adison	56 25	12 00	13 40	4 00		339 62	56 25			492 32
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	75 00	20 00				42 00	22 50	4 00		185 35
Kitanning	F. E. Bowser	10 00	5 12	5 74	5 74		40 00				67 30
Sewickley	A. E. Waldon										
Totals		$ 9678 75	$ 858 02	$ 103 99	$ 66 76	$ 3938 69	$2925 76	$749 31	$ 292 47	$	$ 21598 98

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling	R. H. Bumry	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Washington	D. S Bently	950 00	81 25			373 42	155 00	61 52	14 45		
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	700 00	80 00		4 00	713 18	78 21	3 00	12 00		2044 51
Waynesburg	S. A. Lewis	355 11	46 41			263 56	68 25	10 75			777 58
West Middletown	J. S. Eaton	151 00	26 00		4 00	38 00	80 00	151 75	4 55		502 73
Clarksburg	Rich. Brown	320 00	40 25	5 80		173 20	52 00	20 00	10 66		700 17
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	185 82	22 50				86 75		46 22		366 18
Parkersburg	J. E. Morris	150 00	12 00			70 00	15 00		64		
Charleston	G. W. Webster										
Wellsburg	C. J. Powell	191 12	22 00	5 00		159 30	39 50	4 50	1 25		467 50
Weston	S. B. Morris	302 04	38 25			1015 06	37 64	20 00			1456 37
Beverly	E. R. Bazier	25 50	23 11	16 10			127 00	62 50	5 00		327 11
Ceredo	L. A. Barber	90 80	10 14		125 00	5 00	3 00				238 14
Indian Camp	Pierce A. Moore	36 00	18 00	22 00	14 50	36 00					156 35
McGovern	T. J. Simmons	33 42	8 50								
Sutton	E. E. Obrient	79 94	15 40				62 10		9 50		172 94
Sistersville	Chas. H. Arnold	4 34	2 50				7 00				14 50
Totals		$ 3254 89	$ 446 31	$ 48 90	$ 147 50	$ 2846 72	$ 811 45	$1083 33	$ 104 27	$	$ 6769 71
Grand Totals		$ 20510 89	$2440 71	$ 262 63	$ 269 10	$ 11722 87	$6482 27	$3242 04	$ 693 76	$ 108 90	$ 52080 16

Sunday-school Numerical Statistics.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Sunday-schools.	Officers.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Conversions.	Books in Library	Bibles.	Hymn Books.	Lesson Helps Taken Quarterly.	Missionary Societies.	Temperance Societies.	Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness of Charge.	Balance in Stewards' Treasury.	Balance in Trustees Treasury.	Bishop's Traveling Expenses.
Wylie Ave	J. W. Gazaway	1	7	12	280	10	560	....	....	.....	1	1	$100000 00	$.....	$.....	$ 316 50	$.....
Euclid Ave	J. W. Jeffries	1	9	14	125	26	225	100	78	120	1	1	32000 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....
Williamsport	C. Asbury	1	8	11	95	....	100	....	75	75	1	....	15500 00	1900 00	.....	5 00	.....
Altoona	B. A. L. Powell	1	5	2	35	1	150	16	12	44	1	....	6000 00	350 00	.....	.....	.....
Scranton	H. A. Grant	1	5	6	45	5	50	23	24	24	1	....	8000 00	397 80	6 00	10 00	.....
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	1	12	11	65	....	287	18	174	77	1	....	7000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Haven	B. Wheeler	1	5	4	60	....	44	4	15	50	1	....	3000 00	2 72	24 36	2 58	.....
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	1	8	10	50	....	75	20	18	100	2	....	3000 00	34 48	.....	56	.....
Braddock	W. N. Young	1	6	3	25	7	100	25	25	30	1	....	4000 00	686 00	.....	13 00	.....
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	1	4	4	25	....	120	10	20	25	....	....	1200 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....
Homestead	H. G. Thomas	1	7	3	20	1	48	12	10	21	1	1	7800 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....
Tyrone	A. Smothers	1	6	5	30	....	208	36	25	55	1	....	3000 00	1125 40	.....	5 48	.....
Philipsburg	J. M. Wilkes	2	8	5	60	....	130	8	25	40	2	1	3000 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....
Montrose	Chas. Garner	2	8	4	30	....	37	14	32	27	3	....	1800 00	54 75	.....	.....	.....
Bedford	J. W. Riley	2	7	8	30	....	100	45	15	30	2	....	2000 00	425 00	.....	.....	.....
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	1	5	3	24	....	150	30	15	30	....	1	1000 00	60	.....	.....	.....
Lockhaven	O. T. Davis	3	15	7	47	2	200	36	45	60	1	1	1800 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....
Duquesne	T. B. Chambers	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	1500 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....
Muncy	C. N. Woodson	1	3	1	8	....	30	3	6	10	....	....	1200 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Danville	C. N. Butts	1	3	2	12	....	95	20	....	15	....	....	500 00	.....	95	200 00	.....
Totals	.....	24	131	110	966	52	3009	420	614	813	20	6	$203300 00	$ 5162 75	$ 36 31	$ 616 42	$.....

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	1	10	25	251	8	505	100	150	190	1	1	$ 20550 00	$	$ 34 26	29 82	$
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	1	6	6	60	14	210	50	30	60	1		5000 00	1461 25		12 00	
S. S. Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	1	9	5	40	6	60	24	24	48	1	1	2000 00	40 00		140 00	
Monongahela	S. P. West	1	6	5	60	1	43	36	18	70	1		15000 00	4119 55		10 00	
Brownsville	T. A. Green												5000 00				
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	1	12	6	80	2	150	12	24	90	1		10000 00	5609 20		1 10	
New Brighton	W. S. Lowry	1	4	5	88	20	180	20	28	90	1		2500 00	868 16	24 63		
Oil City	P. A. Scott	1	7	6	60		286	62	37	60	1		5000 00	900 00	25 00		
Franklin	J. W. Brown	1	9	6	46		75	20	48	61	1	1	4200 00	228 40		19 40	
Titusville	I. B. Till	1	9	4	50		236	12	12	40	1	1	2700 00	50 00			
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	1	7	6	109	14	117	36	36	75	1		3369 00	46 12			
W. Bridgewater	R. M. Henderson	1	5	4	20	10	500	25	25	30	1		2000 00	200 00			
Bradford	S. C. Honesty	1	5	4	30		90	12	90	50	1		2000 00	267 18	15 00	9 45	
West Newton	J. J. Morris	2	7	6	45	5	130	15	6	40	2		2800 00	3 67	3 35		
Charleroi	W. H. Palmer	1	4	5	70	4	40			120	1	1	1200 00	472 20	4 35	60	
McKeesport	D. Newsom	1	6	4	24		150	20	15	35	2	1	2000 00	925 00			
Belle Vernon	G. T. Smith	1	5	4	60	6	35	12	25	24	1	1	1800 00			5 00	
Erie	M. P Cole	1	5	4	25					25			1000 00	100 00		82 50	
Olean	Eli McKnight	1	3	3	32				60				1500 00			700 00	
Bellevue	Chas. Adison	1	2	2	40	1	75	20	36	50	1		700 00	300 00	10	35 25	
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	1	3	4	21		32	12	2	12			1600 00			4 00	
Kitanning	F. E. Bowser	1	5	3	25		10	3	7								
Sewickley	A. E. Walden	1	6	3	25		128		18	97	1		2000 00	328 19			
Meadville	J. P. Stephens	1	5	5	45		300	40	26	50	1		2000 00	327 96		5 00	
Totals		24	140	120	1216	85	3852	531	715	1317	21	7	$ 95419 00	$16 564 81	$ 106 69	$ 354 12	$

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling	R. H. Bumry	1	4	3	40	1	227	30	24	35	1		$ 14000 00	$ 100 00	$ 2 00	$	$
Washington	D. S. Bently	1	7	11	175	2	225	50	50	145	1		15000 00		71 31	1600 00	
Canonsburg	C. Wright	1	8	11	160	30	350	40	48	133	3		5000 00	974 00		40 88	3 00
Waynesburg	S. A Lewis	1	9	6	40		50	8	36	66	1		3500 00	141 00			
W. Middletown	J. S. Eaton	1	4	5	38		166			43	1		900 00	8 00	1 20		
Clarksburg	Richard Brown	1	6	3	25	2	85	14	45	34	1		2000 00	600 00			
Morgantown	Sandy Christian	1	5	4	45		12		24	71			4000 00	89 19			
Parkersburg	J. E. Morris	1	4	3	15		30	10	6	10			2000 00				
Charleston	G. W. Webster																
Wellsburg	C. J. Powell	1	4	3	43	6				40			50 00	8 50		116 54	6 00
Weston	S. B. Morris	2	13	7	55		61	6	9	8			3000 00	408 28		40 00	
Beverly	E. R. Bazier	2	6	4	24		24	10	24	24			1000 00	100 00			
Ceredo	L. A. Barber	2	6	4	24				15				800 00	442 70		3 00	
Indian Camp	Pierce Moore	1	4	3	14		36	5	8	36			300 00				1 00
McGovern	T. J. Simmons	1	5	2	18								600 00	300 00			
Sutton	E. E. Obrient												800 00	48 00			
Sistersville	C. H. Arnold	1	3	2	9		24		6								
Totals		18	88	71	725	41	1290	159	295	605	8	0	$ 52950 00	$ 3225 67	$ 74 51	$ 197 42	
Grand Totals		66	359	301	2907	178	8131	1110	1624	2735	49	13	$351669 00	$ 24978 23	$ 217 51	$2767 96	$ 10 00

Sunday-school Financial Statistics.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Support of Sunday-school.	For all Missions by Sunday-schools.	Educational Fund by Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Union by Sunday-school.	Church Extension by Sunday-school.	Total Collected by Sunday-school.	Value of Sunday-school Property.	Indebtedness of Sunday-school.	Balance in Sunday-school Treasury.	Quarterly Review.	No. of Allen Endeavor Societies	Amount Collected by the Society.	Number in Society.	Christian Recorders Taken.	Southern Recorders Taken.	Voice of Mission Taken.	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Marriages.	Deaths.
Wylie Ave	John W. Gazaway	$ 200 00	$ 10 00	$ 18 70	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 239 70	$ 200 00	$.....	$ 98 70	....	1	$ 39 00	104	17	3	11	....	36	10	40
Euclid Ave	J. W. Jeffries	85 86	7 54	9 24	2 28	2 28	107 20	.....	.....	7 54	2	1	21 16	36	8	2	7	4	9	6	6
Williamsport	C. Asbury	25 00	7 45	8 00	4 00	4 00	52 45	20 00	.....	9 00	1	1	.....	35	12	....	6	....	10	.....	.....
Altoona	B A. L. Powell	.....	2 69	....	.....	.....	140 00	.....	.....	1 80	..	....	.....	....	4	1	.....	....	3	1	....
Scranton	H. A. Grant	34 00	4 00	3 50	3 00	.....	44 50	100 00	3 60	1 50	....	....	.....	....	6	....	1	3	6	2	....
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	99 80	10 00	.....	.....	.....	109 80	225 00	.....	3 00	1	....	.....	....	5	1	1	....	15	1	1
New Haven	B. Wheeler	48 38	8 28	5 00	2 77	2 77	67 21	20 00	.....	2 70	....	....	.....	....	1	1	.....	....	3	1	3
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	15 27	26 29	25 50	5 50	5 50	55 18	100 00	.....	6 68	....	1	.....	43	....	....	1	....	2	1	2
Braddock	W. N. Young	20 11	3 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	31 19	5 00	.....	1 25	....	1	2 00	....	2	1	1	10	2	2	1
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	.....	7 23	.....	.....	.....	28 32	.....	.....	2 09	....	1	2 00	....	....	....	....	4	2	2	11
Homestead	H. G. Thomas	.....	.....	25	10 00	.....	25 38	5 38	.....	40	....	....	.....	....	3	....	2	....	2	1	1
Tyrone	A. Smothers	31 56	4 72	7 25	1 00	1 12	45 65	80 00	7 50	3 45	1	....	.....	....	1	....	1	....	3	.....	....
Philipsburg	J. M. Wilks	16 94	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 40	.....	.....	.....	....	1	.....	28	1	1	.....	....	1	2	1
Montrose	Chas. Garner	2 00	6 50	1 70	1 00	1 00	13 20	8 00	.....	2 05	....	1	50	5	2	....	1	....	1	1	4
Bedford	J. W. Riley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	40 00	.....	.....	....	..	.....	....	1	1	.....	....	1	.....	1
Bloomsburg	C. N. Butts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..	.....	....	2	....	.....	....	1	1	1
Lock Haven	O. T. Davis	.....	3 00	4 00	4 00	.....	19 39	50 00	.....	1 50	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	2
Duquesne	T. B. Chambers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danville	C. N. Butts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Muncy	C. N. Woodson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 17	.....	.....	62	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Totals		$ 578 92	$ 100 70	$ 88 14	$29 55	$22 67	$1045 54	$ 783 38	$11 10	$ 142 28	5	8	$ 64 66	251	65	11	31	21	114	32	73

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	$ 217 41	$ 34 04	$ 24 23	$ 3 50	$ 3 50	$ 283 26	$ 450 00	$	$ 330 41	3	2	$ 151 32	143	14	3	7	7	24	12	6
Chartiers	B. H. Lee	20 25	7 20				27 45	50 00		95	1			8	2	2	4	12			4
S. S. Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	30 45	10 48	5 00	2 50	2 50	46 93	50 00		3 00	1			2		2		6	2		1
Monongahela	S. P. West	26 53	17 81		1 20	1 20	46 73	15 00	3 03	9 60				3			3	3			7
Brownsville	T. A. Green																				
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	21 49	3 43	9 63	1 90	1 90	38 35	100 00		2 07	1	1		25	1		1		3		
New Brighton	W. S. Lowry	16 18	3 12	8 00	3 50	2 50	35 30			2 00	3			4	1	14	3	7			2
Oil City	P. A. Scott	30 17	9 00				40 17	65 00		6 50	2	1	11 31	23	12	2	6	2	6	6	5
Franklin	J. W. Brown	56 46	7 00	4 00	50	50	153 19	50 00		86 72	1			2			1		1	2	
Titusville	I. B. Till	15 79	8 50	5 00	1 13	1 13	15 79					1		25				1		2	
Elizabeth	G. G. Skinner	46 90	8 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	59 40	100 00			1	2	39 91	57	1		3	5	3		3
W. Bridgewater	R. M. Henderson	37 23	7 00	3 25			39 23								2		1	1			
Bradford	S. C. Honesty	18 88	3 00	4 00	1 50	1 50	29 88	60 00		4 00											
West Newton	J. J. Norris	11 00	15 67	5 00	1 00	1 09	23 61			3 25					5		1	3		1	3
Charleroi	W. H. Palmer	7 50	3 66		2 00		12 00	60 00	45 00	3 00	1	1		25	1					2	2
McKeesport	Daniel Newsom	25 32	5 00	2 10	1 00	1 00	25 32	25 00		1 50					2		2		10	7	
Belle Vernon	Geo. T. Smith	2 40				5 00	7 40				1			16	10				2		
Erie	M. P. Cole	11 00					11 00	10 00		1 00					1	1	1		1		1
Olean	Eli McKnight	8 15			1 00	1 00	10 15			4 00								3	4		1
Bellevue	Chas. Adison	10 00	1 00	5 90	1 00		10 00	3 00		3 60								1	1		
Pleasant Green	C. E. Wheeler	8 00					8 00	16 00		3 12					1			3	3	3	
Kitanning	F. E. Bowser	4 70					24 00			14 00							1	1	2		
Sewickley	A. E. Waldon		5 50		1 60	1 60	5 18	13 00							2				2	4	
Meadville	J. P. Stephens	41 25	10 20	14 40	3 53	3 53	41 25			5 45					2				7	4	3
Totals		$ 667 26	$ 159 61	$ 93 01	$27 86	$28 86	$1003 99	$1067 00	$48 03	$ 484 57	15	8	$ 66 54	314	73	9	42	37	92	48	38

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling	R. H. Bumry	$ 10 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 75	$ 75	$ 59 24	$ 1 50	$	$ 3 45	1	1	$ 5 80	31	5		25		9	16	
Washington	D. S Bently	122 60	12 19	135 79			134 79	225 00		28 33	2	1	16 00	25	3	1	1	1	3		
Canonsburg	Carter Wright	15 00	21 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	168 00	50 00		6 00	1	1			3	2	5	2	7	4	
Waynesburg	S. A. Lewis				2 50	2 50	20 00	20 00				1	2 00	30		1			1	1	
West Middletown	J. S. Eaton	7 60	1 50	2 60	75	75	11 37					1	75	20					1	1	
Morgantown	Sandy Christian						13 60				1				1	2	1	1		1	
Parkersburg	J. E. Morris	10 00					10 00			30						1	1	1	1		
Charleston	G. W. Webster																				
Wellsburg	C. J. Powell	20 16	58	2 00	98	98	24 12			1 90	1				1		1	6	2		
Beverly	E. R. Bazier	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 50			2 00					3	1		5	4	1	
Ceredo	L. A. Barber	1 50					5 78		75						1			1	1	2	
Indian Camp	Pierce A. Moore						77	5 00													
McGovern	T. J. Simmons						1 00														
Sutton	E. E. Obrient																				
Sistersville	Chas. H. Arnold								51												
Clarksburg	Rich. Brown	12 22	4 95	5 31	2 22	2 22	26 80	55		17	1	1	2 00	22	1		1	5	6		
Weston	S. B. Morris						19 08			87					4						
Totals		$ 201 58	$ 47 22	156 70	$11 18	$11 18	$ 502 05	$ 292 05	$ 1 26	$ 43 02	7	6	$ 26 55	128	22	8	35	21	38	26	
Grand Totals		$1645 20	$ 307 53	$ 337 85	$68 59	$62 71	$2551 58	$2144 43	$60 39	$ 669 87	27	22	$ 157 75	693	160	28	108	79	244	104	111

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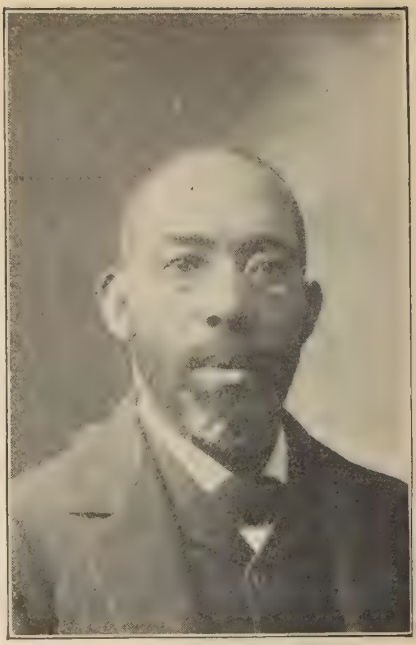

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Journal of Proceedings.

PITTSBURG, PA., October, 11th, 1900.

The Thirty-third session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church convened at 9.30 o'clock at the above time and place, with Bishop B. W. Arnett presiding.

Hymn No. 8, "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne." was sung, and Rev. W. H. Brown, the senior member of the conference, led in prayer.

Rev. R. H. W. Leak D. D., read the 2nd chapter of Phil. as the Scripture lesson, and Rev. B. F. Watson, D. D., led the Ritual service.

While several soul-stirring songs were sung, the conference joined in a happy greeting and hand shaking, and were mightily inspired by the sweet singing of Dr. Watson.

Bishop Arnett made some very comforting remarks to the conference among them were these words: "One of the blessings of the Christian ministry is that we are never alone. We can at all times have the Holy Ghost and the Son. If we obey the teachings of the Holy Ghost, we shall always have the presence of the Son. * *

"I would rather be a member of the Royal Family with half-rations, than to be a member of the other family, with full rations. *

"I want, before I die, to see all the preachers' wives meet together at the conference."

The roll was called and corrected. The transfer of Rev. D. E. Johnson from the Fifth District to the Third, was announced by the Bishop.

ORGANIZATION:

P. A Scott was elected Secretary; S. W. West, Recording Secretary; and T. J. Askew Statistician. H. J. Williams and F E. Bowser were elected ushers. E. E Obrient was appointed Postal Messenger.

A motion prevailed that the Bishop appoint all committees not otherwise provided for

The fifth seat from the front was made the bar of the conference.

The conference hours were set at 9 a. m to 12; 2 p. m. to 5, and 7.30 p. m., to adjourn at pleasure.

The following resolution was offered by Henry A Grant, and adopted.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Bishop B. W. Arnett, D.D., L.L. D., in the providence of God has been assigned to the Third Episcopal District,

Resolved, That we the ministers of the Pittsburg A. M. E. Conference heartily assure him of our enthusiastic welcome to this body,

Resolved, That in Bishop Arnett we have clearly demonstrated the lessons of personal dignity and grace of ministerial courtesy and consistency of fidelity to great causes, civil as well as Christian, of the ultimate ascendency of character. The style of Bishop Arnett's mind, so to speak, is deeper than speech, it is the cadence of the soul, and carries us back to the beauty of truth which is behind the soul which as Plato said, is indeed immortal.

H. A. Grant,
D. S. Bently,
J. W. Jeffries,
P. A. Scott.

The Bishop appointed the following Conference Committees:

Standing Committees.

Admission—S. P. West, Richard Brown, E R. Bazier
First Year Studies—D. F Caliman, J. W. Jeffries, I. B. Till.
Second Year Studies—D. S Bently, W. H. Brown, R. H Morris.
Third Year Studies—J. W. Gazaway, G. G. Skinner Carter Wright.
Fourth Year Studies—W. S Lowry G. C Sampson, D E. Johnson.
State of Country—J. W. Gazaway, R. H. Morris, D. F Caliman.
Temperance—J P Stephens, D. Newsom, Sandy Christian.
Bible Cause—G. W. Webster, Eli McKnight, J E. Morris.
Seminary and College Students—Bishop B. W. Arnett, Presiding Elders and R. M. Henderson.
Wilberforce University—Bishop B. W. Arnett, W. H. Brown, W. S. Lowery, J. W Gazaway.
Payne Seminary—S. P. West, A. E. Walden, B. H Lee.
Endowment Funds—G. C. Sampson, J. W. Riley, S. B. Morris.
Resolutions—R. H. Bumry, H A. Grant, B Wheeler.
Rearrangement of the Work—Bishop B W. Arnett, and Presiding Elders.
Presiding Elders' Support—G G. Skinner, W. S. Lowry, M. S. Jones.
Memoirs—R H. Morris J. W Jeffries Carter Wright
Church Extension—D. S. Bently, I. B. Till, B. H. Lee.
Sunday School Union—S. A. Lewis, J. S. Eaton, H. J. Williams.
Woman's Mite Missionary Funds—B. A. L Powell J. W. Brown, C. N. Butts.
Easter Funds—W. N. Young. G. T. Smith, Charles Garner.

Sunday School Missionary Fund—O. T. Davis, E. R. Bazier, F. E. Bowser
Public Worship—Presiding Elders, J. W. Gazaway, R H. Morris, J. W. Jeffries.
Allen Day Funds—A. Smothers, H. G. Thomas J. J Norris.
Observance of Sabbath—C. A. McGee, M. P. Cole, J. H. Grant.
Dollar Money—W S. Lowry, J. W. Jeffries, R. H. Bumry, G. G. Skinner, W H. Brown.
Contingent Fund—Benjamin Wheeler, J. W. Gazaway, R. H. Morris, T. J. Askew, J. W. Jeffries.

Introductions.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference by Bishop Arnett:

Rev. R. H. W. Leak, D.D., General Manager of the A. M. E. Publication Department; Rev. B. F. Watson, D.D., Secretary and Treasurer of the A. M. E. Church Extension Society; Prof. H. T. Kealing, A. M., Editor A. M. E. Review; Prof. B. W. Arnett, Jr., Secretary Allen Christian Endeavor Society, and Editor of Allen Endeavor Visitor; Rev. J. T. Jenifer, D.D., Secretary and Treasurer of the A. M. E. Connectional Preachers' Aid Association; Rev. J. H. Thomas, Pastor A. M. E. Church, Harrisburg, Pa.; Rev. E. D. W. Jones, Avery A. M. E. Zion Church, Allegheny, Pa; Rev. A. M. Lewis, Baptist Church, Allegheny, Pa; Rev. J. W. Carr, Indianapolis. Ind; Rev. W. P. Ryder, Warren M. E. Church, Pittsburg. Pa., and Dr. Boyles, Presiding Elder, M. E. Church, who made a very complimentary speech to the Conference.

Rev. Charles Garner was excused from the Conference to attend the funeral of his son's wife.

Reports from churches were called for, and were continued until noon.

"Up into thee our Living Head," was sung and Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Afternoon Session.

At 1.30 Bishop Arnett called the Conference to order, and a half hour was spent in a most soul-stirring song service, led by Revs. C. P. Hurrington and D. F. Caliman.

Reports of Churches were continued, all reporting except, Phillipsburg, Bloomsburg, West Middletown, Huntington, Ceredo, and

Bethel Church, Pittsburg. In connection with the report of the Duquesne Church, the Bishop forcibly denounced cake walks and dances, and said, "If the church officers have dances, the pastors must stop them; if they cannot, they must send for the Presiding Elder; and if he can't stop, send for the Bishop, and if I can't stop them, we'll all stop."

Bishop Arnett called before the altar Mrs. Caroline Robinson, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Eliza A. Banks, of Brownsville, and holding their hands in his, said that on the 20th day of February, 1856, 42 persons were received into the Church in one class at Brownsville, and that only two—Mrs. Robinson and himself—were now living; and that Mrs. Banks was the first person he knew in this world, after he reached the period of consciousness, except the members of his own immediate family.

Following this, Dr. Watson sang, "Where is now the merry parting?" which brought a vivid recollection of past associations and loved ones to all present, and inspired them with stronger hopes of reuniting the severed ties in the blissful world of the saints.

Prof. B. W. Arnett was then introduced, and delivered an interesting address in the interest of the Allen Christian Endeavor Society. He paid a beautiful tribute to the true idea of Gospel preaching and drew a strong picture of the ideal Christian life. Revs. S P. Hurrington and Watson led in a precious song service. On motion of H. A. Grant a vote of thanks was tendered Prof. Arnett for his able address.

The report on Sunday School Missions was read as follows by F. E. Bowser, and adopted:

Sunday School Missions Report.

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct. 11, 1900.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Sunday School Missionary Money, beg to report as follows:

We note with regret, that some of our pastors have not organized Sunday School Missionary Societies in the churches, but many show by their reports that the missionary spirit shall not trail in the dust. We find the chief among the missionary heroes to be W S. Lowry, R. H. Morris, J. W. Gazaway, J. W. Jeffries P. A. Scott, G. C. Sampson, C. N. Woodson, and a host of others who are leading on to success. The following is a brief summary:

Raised by Pittsburg District	$ 71.40
Raised by Allegheny District	101.78
Raised by Wheeling District	66.48
Total	$239.66

Paid to Dr. H. B. Parks (40 per cent)..... .....$95.86

Balance in hand..... .....$143.80

O. T. Davis,
E. R. Bazier, } Committee.
F. E. Bowser,

The report of Contingent Money was read as follows by R. H. Morris, and adopted:

Contingent Money.

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct. 11, 1900.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We the Contingent Committee wish to make the following report:

Paid by Pittsburg District.....	$124.16
Paid by Allegheny District.....	24.57
Paid by Wheeling District.....	15.94
Paid by Avery A. M. E. Zion Church.....	5.00
Paid by John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church.....	2.05
Total.....	$171.72

Respectfully submitted,

B. Wheeler,
J. W. Gazaway, } Committee.
R. H. Morris,

Dr. Leak was given a few moments to speak in behalf of *The Recorder*, and made a strong and earnest appeal for subscriptions, and cited many interesting points concerning our great Church, and dropped a hint that he is related to Nat. Turner. The account given of the work of the Department was decidedly encouraging.

Rev. C. M. Tanner, son of Bishop Tanner, and author of the little book "Probationers in our Church," was introduced and spoke a few earnest words in its behalf.

On motion of P. A. Scott, Mr. C. S. Smith was elected Conference reporter to the city papers. "Oh, for a closer walk with God" was sung, and Conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. H. B. Parks.

Evening Session.

At 7.45 o'clock, the Conference reconvened, with Bishop Arnett presiding. Dr. Cornelius Asbury, now of Nashville, Tenn., announced Hymn No. 10, "From all that dwells below the skies," which was sung, and led in prayer.

The Bishop paid a beautiful tribute to Christian song, and especially that of Methodism, and drew a vivid picture of the union of

songs by the representatives of all Christendom at the World's Parliament of Religions at Chigago in '93. He then introduced Dr. H. B. Parks, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Missionary Department of the A. M. E. Church, who, as is common for him, swept, as a hurricane, the great audience that so eagerly had waited for this momentous opportunity, and with his magic eloquence and burning oratory, stirred within every heart present a missionary zeal and earnestness never before felt within the bounds of this Conference.

He thrillingly followed our new operations and traced the path of our new activities through the West Indies, South America Hawaii, the Philippines, and other Islands of the Sea, and of the great Continent of Africa, where, he said, there are 47,556,000 Negroes. He said there are in the "Dark Continent" 47 missionaries, 125 ministers 12,457 church members, 15,000 Sabbath School scholars, 300 local preachers, and 57 exhorters.

He paid a most glowing tribute to the women of the Church, and said, "The world cannot be brought to God without the angelic influence and holy co-operation of consecrated women. He said the Pittsburg Conference is the Banner Conference in Missionary endeavor. He said further, that the troubles in South Africa and in China only mean that the backbone of Boer oppression in the former, and the degrading reign of Confucionism in the latter is broken forever, and that ere long the Kingdom of Jehovah shall have universal sway.

"I will shout His praise in Glory" was led by Rev. C. H. Hurrington, and enthusiastically sung by the great congregation. The Bishop made an earnest appeal for a large collection for African missions, and while several selections were being sung by the choir and Conference, the sum of $26.00 was contributed. Mr. G. F. Richings was introduced to the Conference and spoke of the Educational Lecture and Spectacular Exhibition to be given on Friday evening.

Dr. Leak made another brilliant and earnest appeal for subscriptions to the Christian Recorder. Adjournment, with benediction by Bishop Arnett.

SECOND DAY.

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct., 12, 1900.

Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock by Bishop Arnett, and Dr. Watson announced the hymn "Lord in the morning Thou shalt hear," which was sung, and led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was

the 148 and 149 Psalms. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The following persons were introduced to the Conference: Prof. George F. Woodson, D.D., Secretary of Payne Theological Seminary; Rev. George T. Prosser, Evangelist of the Third Episcopal District; Rev. Charles E. Edwards, Superintendent Young Men's Bible Society, Allegheny County; Rev. C. P. Logan, Baptist Church, Braddock; and Rev. C. Asbury, D.D., of Nashville, Tenn. D Newsom of Bloomsburg, and J. M. Wilkes of Phillipsburg, arrived, and read reports of their churches.

Rev. Charles E. Edwards spoke very interestingly concerning the work of the Young Men's Bible Society and of the generous distribution of Bibles by the same, and cited the fact that the foreign element around the cities are becoming very much interested in the Word of God.

Prof. H. T. Kealing, Editor A. M. E. Review, was again introduced and delivered a very earnest and scholarly address. Among the many interesting things said were these: "The Jim Crow Car cannot rob a man of his manhood —he is a gentleman nevertheless. The meaning of the Negro in America is not understood, and how he ever got into this civilization is a great mystery. The Negro minister must be the leader in every sphere of life. God makes a man strong in proportion to the opposition laid upon him." * *

The address abounded in striking parables and illustrations, and vivid rhetorical flights amid the most towering heights of thought and oratory, and greatly inspired all who heard it.

On motion of J. P. Stephens a standing vote of thanks was tendered Prof. Kealing for his instructive address, and the following resolution was offered by Rev. D. S. Bently and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, We have listened to the most excellent address of Prof. H. T. Kealing with great interest and profit, and

WHEREAS, The A. M. E. Church Review represents the best thought of the Negro race, therefore be it

Resolved, That we the members of the Pittsburg Conference give it a more hearty personal support, and by influence and increasing activity, strive to get the magazine more widely distributed among our people.

D. S. Bently,
John W. Riley,
P. A. Scott.

A few moments were given for the brethren to subscribe for the various publications of the Church. At 11.20 the Conference Missionary Society went into session, and transacted the following business:

Conference Missionary Society.

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct. 12, 1900.

The Missionary Society of the Conference was called to order by Bishop Arnett, and the roll was called and each member responded by the payment of one dollar annual dues, total amount paid being $60.00. After some brief routine business, the present officers were continued for another year, and the Society adjourned.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, President,
F. E. Bowser, Secretary,
J. W. Riley, Treasurer.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Thompson, President Children's Home Society was introduced and made a strong plea for the orphan and homeless children of the country. Brother C. M. Tanner distributed a large number of religious tracts to the members and friends of the Conference.

"Up into thee our living Head," was sung, and Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

Afternoon Session.

Conference was called to order at 2.15 by Bishop Arnett. After a brief song service led by C. P. Hurrington, the Conference roll was called and the following subscriptions to Payne Theological Seminary were paid, amounting to $177.50, from the preachers and friends.

Payne Theological Seminary Subscriptions.

A. Smothers	$ 5.00	C. N. Woodson	$ 5.00
D. Newsom	1.00	C. A. McGee	15.00
D. F. Caliman	5.00	D. S. Bently	10.00
B. Wheeler	5.00	W. S. Lowry	2.00
G. G. Skinner	1.00	Carter Wright	1.00
P. A. Scott	5.00	Richard Brown	4.00
J. J. Norris	1.00	A. E. Walden	1.00
S. P. West	2.00	I. B. Till	1.00
Mrs. J. W. Gazaway	5.00	S. C. Honesty	1.00
Miss Jane Gazaway	5.00	R. H. Bumry	1.00
S. Christian	1.00	T. J. Simmons	1.00
R. M. Henderson	4.00	H. A. Grant	1.00
F. H. Lee	10.00	G. W. Webster	1.00
O. T. Davis	1.00	T. A. J. West	1.00
B. A. L. Powell	1.00	J. M. Wilkes	2.00
E. R. Bazier	3.00	M. S. Jones	3.00
J. E. Morris	1.00	T. J. Askew	2.00
J. W. Brown	1.00	J. S. Eaton	1.50
F. E. Bowser	4.00	C. J. Powell	5.00
S. B. Morris	2.00	G. T. Smith	1.00
J. W. Hayes	5.00	A. C. Hayes	3.00

L. V. Jones	1.00	C. H. Arnold	1.00
C. Adison	3.00	J. H. Grant	2.00
J. M. Gilmere	1.00	G. C. Sampson	10.00
S. Burrell	1.00	D. E. Johnson	1.00
J. W. Riley	2.00	T. J. Smith	2.00
R. H. Baker	1.00	H. G. Thomas	1.00
C. P. Hurrington	1.00	T. A. Green	1.00
R. H. W. Leak	1.00		

Amount given by other friends and by public contribution.....$ 18.00
Total amount raised by cash and public contributions 177.50
Amount given to Payne Seminary from Richings' lecture..... ..... 23.14

Grand total raised for the Seminary.....$200.64

Subscription to Payne Theological Seminary by its Friends.

Mrs. John Moten, Kittanning, Pa.....$2.00
" Lulu Oats, 8½ Townsend street, Pittsburg, Pa., will pay in November..... 1.00
" Lucy Bedford, 8½ Townsend street, Pittsburg, Pa., will pay November..... 1.00
" Mary Jane Hunter, Pittsburg, Pa., will pay Rev. Gazaway..... 1.00
" Bessie Grant, Wheeling, West Virginia, pay in November..... 2.00
" Henrietta F. Jones, Allegheny, Pa., pay Rev. Gazaway..... 1.00
" Sadie E. Saunders, 4 Scott street, Pittsburg, Pa..... 1.00
" Rebecca Smith, 4 Scott street, Pittsburg, Pa.,..... 50
" Addie Jones, 294 Everett street, East End, Pittsburg, Pa..... 5.00
Samuel G. Finney, 508 Trenton avenue, Wilkesburg, Pa,..... 1.00

The following communications were read by the secretary:

Communications.

ATLANTA, GA., Oct 8, 1900.

To the Presiding Bishops and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Greeting:

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN: Through the providence and mercies of our Heavenly Father, I have the distinguished honor and pleasure of submitting to you my first report or statement as editor and manager of the *Southern Christian Recorder.*

As was said by my honored predecessor, the late Dr Cheeks, 'the paper is Southern in name only; while it is connectional in interests, religious in character, and African Methodist in polity.'' As a connectional sheet stationed as a sentinel upon our Southern border, a mouth piece for our Methodism, the paper is doing great service for our Church and race.

I note with interest the progress that is being made in your Conference, and with joy I hail the great success which has attended your labors, notwithstanding the many difficulties that confronted you. I rejoice with you in your triumphs and successes, I pray God's blessings upon you that He may send you a most pleasant session

Our department has had to struggle hard during the dull summer months, which fact together with the relax interest that usually follows a General Conference, has made it difficult for us to hold our own. The critical period however, has passed and business has revived.

You have seen through the columns of *The Recorder*, the appeal for an increase of the size and circulation of the paper. Many of the brethren already responded most nobly to the call and others are still responding, which facts are of wonderful encouragement to us.

Our first and greatest need is a *larger paper* and a *wider circulation*. Give us a larger paper and wider circulation and we will have created a source of revenue sufficient for a great paper and a mighty church organ which will meet the growing demand of our growing Church

The paper's present ratio of increase, if continued, will give us 2,000 per annum, which, with our present number, will book us something over the 10,000 asked for the quadrennium.

Thanking the Bishops and brethren for support and co-operation in the past, and asking a continuation of your prayers and support, I remain your

Most obedient servant,
G. E. Taylor.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 9, 1900.

Bishop B. W. Arnett, D.D.,

Sir: The Sunday School Union sends greeting to you and Conference, and asks that you allow the Rev. Doctor Cornelius Asbury to represent us at your Conference or as many of them as he sees fit to attend. I sincerely hope that you and yours are well and enjoying these pleasant fall days.

I am glad to say that we are quite well and the Sunday School Union is not by any means dead: she is rather taking on new life as she moves forward in the grand march to victory, as that is what we must have, if work will bring it. Again wishing you much success I ask to be

Yours for God and Humanity,
W. D. Chappelle,

P. S. Let the Doctor receipt for all moneys coming to this institution.

Bishop C. S. Smith, Bishop of Cuba, Hawaii, Burmuda, Canada, South America and the Philippines, was introduced by Bishop Arnett, nd as he ascended the rostrum clad in his magnificent priestly robe,

was enthusiastically applauded, and he proceeded at once to deliver one of his characteristic great speeches. He complimented the Pittsburg Conference very highly, calling it the banner conference of the Connection, and spoke in the highest terms of many of the people in far away portions of his district, and especially those of Bermuda. The Bishop seemed very hopeful of the future of our great Church in the mission fields. Dr Watson led in singing, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me." Dr. J. T. Jenifer was again presented, and made a strong appeal in behalf of the Connectional Preachers' Aid and Mutual Relief Association and the Womens' Annex to the same.

Bishop Arnett called John H. Grant before the altar and stated that charges and complaints alleging adultry, had been filed against him by Presiding Elder Benjamin Wheeler to which the accused pleaded *not guilty*. A motion to quash the indictment was made by W. H. Brown but was overruled by the Bishop on the ground that the Annual Conference has original jurisdiction over all its ministers.

George C. Sampson, G. G. Skinner, S. C Honesty, A. Smothers, H. G. Thomas were appointed as the Judiciary Committee to try the case. The attorneys for the prosecution were W. S. Lowry D. F. Caliman R H. Bumry; and for the defence were, W. H. Brown, C. Asbury, J. W. Riley and J H. Thomas.

The charges were presented the committee with instructions to "try the case carefully, fairly and in the fear of God." After several hours of investigation the Judiciary Committee returned with the following verdict:

We your Committee appointed to investigate the charges against John H. Grant, of Wilkesbarre, beg to report as follows:

We have carefully examined the case, with due deliberation and prayer, and we find that there has been some cause for the rumors, which justifies the complaint, but the evidence produced was not sufficient to sustain the charge, and we therefore find him, *not guilty*.

George C. Sampson,
G. G. Skinner
S. C. Honesty,
A. Smothers,
H. G. Thomas,
} Judiciary Committee.

The report was adopted.

After a few announcements Conference adjourned, with benediction by the Bishop.

Evening Session.

At 7.30 o'clock, Prof. George F. Richings asked the audience to become quiet and join in a short service of song. Dr. B. F. Watson took charge of this service and after several songs, gave a very instructive talk upon the office, nature and import of music, and the proper use of hymns and tunes. He said, "Music is a most essential part of our services, and is peculiarly akin to the Divine. The music should be in perfect accord with the subject of the sermon, and an aid to it. It should be an opening wedge to the pastor's sermon and not a contradiction of it" Prof. G. F. Richings then gave a very instructive illustrated educational lecture, which was eagerly listened to by a packed house, which frequently interrupted the speaker with rounds of applause. A silver offering was given at the door by many who came in, amounting to $20.79, for Payne Theological Seminary.

Adjournment.

THIRD DAY.

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct., 13, 1900.

Conference was called to order at 9.20 by Bishop C. S. Smith. Dr. Watson announced Hymn No. 223, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," which the Conference sang, and W. H. Brown led in prayer. "My faith looks up to thee" was sung.

Instead of the reading of a regular Scripture lesson, each member of the Conference arose and repeated a favorite verse of Scripture. Rev. B. F. Watson gave another brief talk on the right use of hymns and tunes, and said that "Music is that which lifts the soul, but we cannot tell why. It is a something that cannot be described."

Bishop Arnett arrived, and called for the minutes, which were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, of the Pittsburg District, read his report as follows:

Presiding Elder's Report.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference:

In reviewing the work in the Pittsburg District this year, we see much to be thankful for; to Almighty God for His Providential care over us and for the great blessings that we have realized from his paternal bounties. The lives and health of the ministers has been

preserved. There has been but one minister's family visited by death in our district, and that was the lamentable demise of Sister Davis, the beloved wife of Brother O. T. Davis. Her suffering was the most severe; for five months she endured her affliction with great Christian fortitude and patience. Her great faith in Christ enabled her to tranquilly and triumphantly pass from the weariness of earth to the beyond, where there is no sickness, pain nor death.

I highly commend the pastors of the Pittsburg District who have worked so indefatigable for the advancement of the spiritual and financial interests of their respective churches. There has been no great revivals in any of the churches, but there has been a steady spiritual growth and development in the Christ-life manifested among the people. The increase in membership has not been as great perhaps, as it has been in other years, but we thank the Almighty that there has been some. We are proud to report 160 souls added to the church.

Materially, we have done well. There have been great efforts put forth by the pastors and people to raise money for building purposes, for indebtedness, for pastor's support, and for current expenses. I am glad to see a growing liberality among the people in the support of their pastor. We have in our district a number of charges where the people are unable to give their pastor a living support, but, as a general thing, they are willing to do the best they can. I do deplore the tendency in our Conference to make stations of churches where the people are not really able to give their pastor even a scanty support. We have some churches with a small membership and necessarily a small congregation, who want the services of the pastor every Sabbath, when at the same time, they are unable to give him a living. I trust that the Conference will be more considerate in the future and strengthen the work, instead of making the charges weaker.

Our district is becoming well organized. The people are generally loyal to the organic law of our Church. I do most heartily commend the great work that is so zealously prosecuted by the women of the Mite Missionary Societies. Too much praise cannot be given them for their noble work in the cause of missions. Let every pastor in the A. M. E. Church encourage and co-operate with them in their grand efforts to push on the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

It affords me great pleasure to designate the work of the brethren and congregations which have done so well in their respective churches. They have all done well with the exception of two or three charges. Some of the pastors have had very poor charges; their families suffered on the account of the inability of their people to support them. The first church that I shall mention is:

WYLIE AVENUE CHURCH—Rev. J. W. Gazaway is the pastor of this church. This church is in a flourishing condition, both spiritually and financially, under the pastorate of Dr. Gazaway. The congregations are large at the morning and evening services. The pastor and congregation have decided to erect a new, up-to-date building, with all the modern improvements; they have decided to commence work on their new church next March. May God bless the pastor and his congregation in their efforts to build their new house of worship. The officers and members of the church solicit the return of Dr. Gazaway to the pastorate of their congregation the fifth year.

EUCLID AVENUE, East End, Pittsburg, Rev, J. W. Jeffries, pastor. This church is moving on grandly under the pastorate of Rev. Jeffries. The attendance of the congregation is very good in the evenings on Sunday. The large indebtedness of this church is oppressively hard on the pastor and the congregation. It keeps them in a strait to meet the pressing demands of their creditors; but so far they have been equal to the urgency of the demand. Brother Jeffries is alive to the situation, and pushes right ahead.

WILLIAMSPORT—The church is getting along nicely under the pastorate of Brother D. E. Johnson who has only been on the work four months. The unexpected change of Dr. Cornelius Asbury who was transferred from us to the Tennessee conference and stationed at Nashville, caused quite a lull for a time both in the spiritual and temporal work of the church, for Dr. Asbury is a great preacher and worker in the vineyard of Christ and was greatly beloved by the congregation at Williamsport. We regret his removal very much. May God's blessing continue with him in his new field of labor for Christ.

WILKESBARRE—Fell street church, Rev. J. H. Grant, pastor. This church and pastor has been under a cloud for nine months of this year. We sincerely pray that the clouds may disperse and that this grand congregation may move on again with the ensign of the Lord Jesus floating to the breeze of spiritual life and praise to Almighty God. Rev. Grant made a grand beginning in his church work this year and collected $80.00 dollar money before the beginning of the new year, and he also collected before New Years the presiding elder's salary. But some things occurred which caused a blight through the entire year's service. I shall ever pray for him.

SCRANTON—Rev. J. M. Gilmere is pastor of this church. This church is in good condition spiritually and financially. Rev. Gilmere has done an excellent work this year; the work had become very low when he took charge of the church, but the Lord greatly blessed his labors this year and now the congregation is in good

condition and the officers and people solicit the return of Brother Gilmere to the pastorate of their church.

NEW HAVEN CHURCH—Rev. T. A. Green, pastor, under whom there has been a great work done this year in a material way; there has been an increase of membership. A new parsonage of five rooms has been built and a slate roof put on the church and other needed improvements made The quarterly conference unanimously requested the return of Brother Green. May God bless him more abundantly next conference year.

BELLEFONTE CHURCH—Rev. C. N. Woodson, pastor This congregation is moving on grandly spiritually and materially; there has been nineteen accessions to the church this year; there has been great improvements this year; a basement story has been completed. Brother Woodson is a great hustler in the pastoral work. Success has followed him wherever he has been sent.

ALTOONA CHURCH—Rev. T. A. J West, pastor. This church has been struggling under great adversity for several years. There has been a lawsuit pending which has kept the society in an unsettled condition. We hope that the trouble will soon be over. There has been but little done at this church during the year.

BRADDOCK CHURCH—Rev. W. N. Young, pastor. This church is in a flourishing condition. Brother Young has had great success during his pastorate of this church. There has been a great increase in membership and wonderful success in raising money to apply on the indebtedness. The congregation and officers of the church solicit his return to them another year.

BLOOMSBURG CIRCUIT—Rev. D. Newsome is the pastor. This work has greatly revived under the pastorate of Brother Newsome. If he should be returned we anticipate a great year's work next conference year.

TYRONE CIRCUIT—Rev. A. Smother's pastor. This charge has prospered greatly under the pastorate of Brother Smothers; he has succeeded in managing the debt at Tyrone admirably. The officers and members requested his return.

GREENSBURG CHURCH—Rev. M. S Jones, pastor This church is getting along fairly well, although there had been some unpleasantness between the pastor and the people, but it has been somewhat settled.

WAVERLY CIRCUIT—Rev. Charles Garner, pastor This is not a strong appointment; there are but few members on this work; the people are not able to give their pastor ample support, so it makes it very hard on the pastor and the people.

BEDFORD CIRCUIT—Rev. O. T. Davis is pastor. He has had a

very hard time of it this year. When he first visited Bedford the people were unwilling to receive him and told him they did not want a preacher, but by his great patience and perseverance he succeeded in overcoming a great deal of this prejudice and bad feeling. Bro. Davis suffered the great loss of his beloved companion, who departed this life last March after a long and severe spell of sickness; she passed away tranquilly trusting in the Lord Jesus. She told me a few hours before her death that she was trusting in Jesus in whose arms she fell asleep. May God's blessings rest upon those dear ones left behind her.

Lock Haven Circuit—Rev. J. W. Riley, pastor This charge is in a very bad condition spiritually and materially. The pastor and the majority of the people were at variance the most of the year, which was a great hinderance to the progress of the work, so there was but little done during the year.

Duquesne Mission—Rev. H. J. Williams pastor. This mission is about lost to the connection. Brother Williams I fear has not the elements of success in him; he said he could not get the people to take an interest in the church; neither could he get a stopping when he preached at Duquesne. There is a debt against it to the amount of $869, which is very discouraging when the people will not rally. Earnest efforts have been made by the pastors to increase the collections of the general fund this year.

B. Wheeler, P. E.

Dr. R. H. W. Leak suggested that hereafter the Presiding Elders make note of all the subscriptions to the Christian Recorder and report the same.

Rev. D. F. Caliman read the following report of the Allegheny District:

Presiding Elder's Report.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Conference, Greeting:

Dear Brethren: With the deepest sentiment of gratitude to our Father and Lord for his most tender care over us as ministers and people, and for the marvelous and continued success He has enabled us to share, we cheerfully submit this our third annual report.

We are first called upon to record with sadness, that Death's courier has again entered our ranks; and at Monongahela, Pa., April 21, 1900, amid the busy scenes of his medical practice, the Rev. William Herbert Palmer, M. D., after a brief illness, was called from labor to his reward. Thus we are reminded:

REV. CHARLES A. McGEE,
Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District,
Clarkesburg, W. Va.

"Our time is fixed, and all our days are numbered;
How long, how short, we know not: this we know:
Duty requires we calmly wait the summons."

See report on Memoirs.)

The District Conference held at McKeesport in April was fraught with a high tide of practical spiritual life, resulting in the conversion of seven precious souls.

The Women's Mite Missionary Convention in Brown Chapel Church in Allegheny, in July, was well attended, and was one of the most interesting ever held.

Our Sunday School Institute in July, though held in Bradford, the Northern extremity of the District, was fairly well attended, and was an acknowledged success.

Our General Days have been observed all over the District, we believe, with increasing interest and profit. Meditation, action and prayer have been our watchword respecting the various interests involved.

THE CHURCHES IN PARTICULAR.

BROWN CHAPEL, ALLEGHANY—Rev. R. H. Morris, ever upon the alert, is pastor. This substantial organization holds steadily on its way, growing stronger and stronger. A healthy interest in all phases of religious life has obtained. This church has, no doubt, the best Christian Endeavor Society in the Pittsburg Conference. Brother C. H. Robinson, an ardent member and officer of this church and society, attended the great Christian Endeavor Convention in London, England, this year, and returned with a glowing report.

CHARTIERS STREET CHURCH, ALLEGHENY—Rev. B. H. Lee is the honest, upright pastor. The co-operation on the part of some has not been as cordial as we would desire, though a fair spiritual life exists, and the financial interests have been zealously looked after by the pastor and trustees. The mortgaged indebtedness has been reduced during the year from $1460, to $1200.

SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURG—Rev. T. J. Askew is the dexterous pastor. This organization has been thoroughly aroused. At the beginning of this conference year an auspicious revival, conducted by Evangelist E. E. Obrient, was enjoyed, resulting in over 40 conversions. The original church property was sold for $1900 cash, and a lot on Brownsville avenue purchased at a cost of $1,500, on which a beautiful church edifice has been erected at a cost of $7,500. The new structure is a two story modern brick, and a fine model of architectural construction, beautifully finished throughout. It was solemnly dedicated by the Rt. Rev. L. J. Coppin, D.D., Bishop of South Africa, August 19, 1900, who was assisted by the Presiding Elder, the pastor, and a number of visiting elders.

This organization is one of the oldest religious bodies on the South Side, having been organized about 54 years ago by Rev. ———— During that time it has encountered many adverse circumstances, but a new era has at last come to African Methodism in this part of Pittsburg. Rev. Askew, the consecrated and faithful preacher, his very co-operative members and appreciative congregation deserve great credit for this splendid enterprise.

Amount collected and paid on the new church	$1,204
Received by sale of lot	1,900
Total	$3,103
Amount yet due on the church building	$4,296

New Brighton—This energetic organization has done excellently this year under the active and fruitful pastorate of Rev. H. A. Grant. Every interest, spiritual and financial, has been vitalized, and steadily lifted, a number of persons of real worth being added to the membership. The growth of the church has been marked and encouraging in the extreme.

West Bridgewater—Rev. Richard Brown is the genial pastor. This co-operative society has enjoyed a pleasant and prosperous pastorate, and several have been added to the membership. The church has been treated to a new slate roof at a cost of $200, and there has been paid $192.20 on the same. This work is in good condition.

Sewickly.—Rev Ely McKnight is the industrious incumbent. The work at this place has by no means lagged, but improvements are marked. A new comfortable parsonage has been built in the rear of the church, at a cost of $500, and $300 have been paid on the same. The membership is small hence the pastor has judiciously engaged in the grocery business, to assist in the way of an honest livelihood.

Oil City.—Rev. P. A. Scott is the enterprising and cultured pastor. No work in the District has been more fruitful than this. During the winter a tidal wave of spiritual life like copious showers from the skies deluged the church and community, sweeping at least 50 souls into the Kingdom of Grace. Evangelist Obrient, and the pastor were mightily used of God in this gracious work. The church is in a most splendid condition spiritually, and the financial interests have been equally as prosperous. The parsonage property has been tastefully improved, in the way of sewer connections, walks, and grading; the house painted and papered within giving it an attractive appearance internally and externally. In addition to the contingent demands of the church, at a recent rally the sum of $505 was

raised, $400 of which was applied on the mortgage, and the balance for interest and insurance, making a total of $1,110 raised and paid on parsonage during the two years of Rev. Scott's pastorate. The cost of all improvements has been promptly paid. Remaining indebtedness on parsonage $500.

TITUSVILLE.—Rev. I. B. Till, B. D., is the studious pastor. This reliable and unique organization has enjoyed another fruitful and mutual year's work for the Master. The spiritual and financial life of the church are in a healthy condition. A comfortable parsonage constitutes a part of the church property here.

FRANKLIN—Rev. H. G. Thomas is the fervent and cheerful pastor. This charge has enjoyed a precious ingathering of 30 souls this year, and the spiritual life has been greatly quickened. The temporal interests have received a due share of consideration. The church building has been newly roofed, and internal improvements made at a cost of $175, all of which has been paid. In every way prosperity has attended the labors of the pastor and his co-operative people.

MEADVILLE—Rev. J. W. Brown, firm and pious, is the pastor. A fairly prosperous year's work has been done. Rev. Brown has worked faithfully and hard to enhance every phase of church interest. Several have been added to the membership, and the debt has been reduced to the amount of $——. The members are reasonably co-operative.

ERIE—Rev. Charles J. Powell, ever vigilant, is the pastor Rev. Powell has wrought well, the membership and people have co-operated with him, therefore, success has crowned their endeavors. The lecture room of the new church has been nicely finished, and presents a very attractive and pleasing appearance. It comprises an audience room, pastor's study, toilet and kitchen, all finished in cherry, a new departure in the construction of basements. This work has cost $1,000 and the sum of $775 has been paid on same. It is the purpose of the enterprising building committee to finish the exterior as soon as possible, leaving the interior as an after consideration. This church promises to be one of the most aesthetic in the Conference.

BRADFORD—Rev S. C. Honesty, faithful and true, is pastor. This work has been only measurably prosperous this year. The pastor has been faithful; and the more earnest co-operation on the part of some, would have strengthened the aims of the pastor. Rev. Honesty is regarded with confidence and esteem.

Kane is connected with this charge, and has received the attention of Pastor Honesty. The payments on the church lot have been promptly met, when due, amouting to $107.13, including interest. This small organization is determined to pay for this lot, and to erect

a church on the same. Faith and perseverance will bring to them their laudable desire

OLEAN, N. Y.—Rev. F. E Bowser had charge of this work for three or four months, but by reason of existing difficulties and willful rebellion on the part of a number at this place it was thought best to make a change in the pastorate, and Rev. B. A L. Powell was appointed in his stead This change promised to be for the better, but alas, in a short time the fire of dissatisfaction and rebellion broke out afresh, and but little if any good was accomplished. The difficulties referred to are due to a dissatisfaction of last year between the officers and Rev. Ely McKnight, the former pastor. Since the first of July by an act of the General Conference, this organization has been under the jurisdiction of the New York Conference.

ELIZABETH—Rev. William H. Brown, the senior member of the Conference, is the pastor. This charge has succeeded quite well, considering the continued depression of the mining industry, in which the majority of our men engage, and upon which the church largely depends for financial support. Rev Brown has been more or less physically indisposed during the year, which has prevented his infusing that life, energy and spirit into the work that he is wont to do. The church is in a fair condition spiritually, and the financial interests are good A new heating furnace has been supplied, at a cost of $97.83 and $72.83 paid on the same. A small house having been purchased some years ago for a parsonage, was sold by the trustees at the beginning of the conference year for $410, $384.80 is in bank, with the understanding that it is to be used for no other purpose than a parsonage fund.

HOMESTEAD—Rev S A Lewis is the logical pastor. This organization has put forth earnest efforts to succeed amid very trying circumstances. Various debts, some of longstanding, became pressing. The pastor and trustees thought best to borrow $400 to meet the emergencies, increasing the mortgage debt $1300. There has been paid on the mortgage this year $75. The spiritual condition is not what we would desire Rev. Lewis labored amidst most incessant affliction with regard to one or more of his family during the entire year, which greatly hindered him in his efforts. The church has some deserving and faithful members, and we predict brighter prospects for our church in Homestead, but push, energy and sacrifice must obtain.

MONONGAHELA—Rev. R. H. Bumry, courageous and strong, is pastor Considering the long continued embarrassment of this charge, a more able and successful year's work could hardly be conceived of. The pulse of church life has been greatly accelerated, and financial

success has been most creditable beyond compare. At a rally in June the Rt. Rev Evans Tyree, D.D., was present rendering invaluable service, and the amount of $565 was realized. The amount paid on mortgage is $ ——— and the remaining indebtedness on mortgage is $2762.50. The most cordial co operation has obtained between pastor and people.

West Newton and West Elizabeth—This Circuit comprises a church loving and industrious membership. The genial pastor, Rev. J J. Norris has the work in a good spiritual and financial condition. It is a genuine treat to visit his work on Sunday or in the week. The interior of the church at West Elizabeth has been cozily dressed up by the skillful hand of the pastor, and the appearance is much improved. All church endeavorers have been carefully looked after.

Charleroi—The rhetorical and fluent S. P. West is pastor. A very mutual and prosperous year's work has been enjoyed by Rev. West and his good people at this place. Moral and spiritual life have been greatly heightened, the Sunday School has received new life and all interests have systematically moved forward. A neat and comfortable five room parsonage has been built at this place, and the pastor's family have enjoyed it since April. In the planning of this structure from cellar to garret Rev. West was the architect and is to be congratulated upon his noble enterprise.

McKeesport—Rev. C. N. Butts is the well disposed pastor. This work has greatly improved this year, and the pastor has had the co-operation of the people. A revival, with several accessions, was conducted by Evangelist E. E. Obrient, which happily unified the interest of all church activities increasing the attendance, and strengthening the spiritual and financial life. Rev. Butts has the confidence and esteem all of his people.

Belle Vernon and Monesson—Rev. G. T. Smith is the hustling pastor. Everything of church-life here, spiritually and financially has moved forward at a rapid pace which is characteristic of Rev. Smith's ministry. Several additions have been realized at both places, and the sum of $313 has been paid on the church debt at Belle Vernon.

Monessen is on the Monongahela river, about four miles from Belle Vernon, and Rev. Smith, by request of the Presiding Elder, organized a church here on the 27th of May, 1899. Through his dexterity, a finely located lot was secured by donation from the East Side Land Company, and early last spring the work of erecting a new church upon said lot was begun, and speedily pushed to a successful completion. The edifice is 28x40 feet, built upon an 8½ stone wall, which makes a roomy basement. It is a neat frame substantial struc-

ture and is artistically finished. Including others special mention is due Brother J. R. Lucas, who ably superintended the entire work, sparing neither labor nor money. Unstinted praise is due the pastor, who, under God, brought this enterprise to a creditable consummation in the midst of no little opposition. This church was solemnly dedicated by Rev. D. F. Caliman, P. E., assisted by Revs. G. T. Smith, pastor, S. P. West, and A. E. Walden, on Sunday July 15, 1900. Paid on the new church, $865.80, balance due, $568.15.

Pleasant Green and Pike Run—Rev. E. A. Walden is the zealous pastor. This Circuit has enjoyed mutual relations socially and religiously during the year. Zeal for the church's life has more or less characterized the membership. The aim of the pastor has been to foster all of the interests of the church, and the Lord has been with him and sustained him.

Brother Walden and family have passed through dire afflictions this year. The youngest daughter lay sick with typhoid fever for eight weeks, lingering hopelessly the greater portion of the time; but as hope dawned for her recovery, Emma an older daughter of eleven and one half summers, a bright, lovable and interesting girl, was taken violent with this dread disease, and in spite of tenderest care, and the most anxious watching of a fond mother, brothers and sisters dear Emma, in the quietude of an early morn, passed up to the realms of immortal beauty, singing feebly, but clearly, "I'm a child of the King." According to Emma's special request the Presiding Elder cheerfully looked after subsequent duties, and by the grace of God this stricken family was comforted.

Bellevue.—Rev. Charles Adison is the patient and hopeful pastor. This work is feeble and has many odds with which to contend. A persistent apathy on the part of not a few who should be profitable to this work prevails, yet the pastor and a few faithful ones have toiled successfully on, meeting the payments on the church lot promptly. Only one year ago last April these people began paying on a lot that was valued at $500, and up to the present the sum of $390.50 has been paid. Amount still due $109.50, rents, etc., all paid. The spiritual life of this mission is fair, and some additions have been made to the membership. Chartiers Street and Brown Chapel churches have shown especial sympathy and given aid to this work, the latter on one occasion, through the co-operation of the pastor, gave to this mission $30. The Euclid Avenue Church also gave $5.00 which was applied on the lot.

Kittanning.—Rev. Charles E. Wheeler is the earnest pastor. This organization has been more permanently established under the vigilant labors of Brother Wheeler, who has ingratiated himself into

the confidence and good will of his appreciative and enterprising parishioners. It is very gratifying to see how the pastor and people have co-operated in the maintainance of this work. They have a comfortable place in which to worship on Sundays, but only one or two nights in the week; and it is the very earnest desire of the people to have in the near future, a church of their own, for the earnest efforts of Brother Wheeler, as to spiritual results have been no little retarded.

New Kensington.—This mission was organized in the early part of the year, by the Presiding Elder, assisted by Rev. C. E. Wheeler, with nine members. It is 18 miles north of Pittsburg, on the Allegheny river. Rev. Wheeler looked after this work, assisted by Brothers J. Lewis and W. H. Frazier, local preachers of Brown Chapel, Allegheny, until May; and since that time Rev. George W. Webster has had charge, and the organization has been more permanently established, as his report will show. They have purchased chairs for their place of worship, and are paying for an organ. The prospect for a church here is very promising. The people are industrious, and devoted to this new enterprise.

Financial Statement.

Collected for support of Presiding Elder	$910 00
Collected for traveling expenses of Presiding Elder	100 00
Easter Collection	231.07
Women's Mite Missionary Collection	420.34
Sunday School Missionary Collection	87 26
Total for Missions	738 67
Collected for Educational Purposes	201 00
Children's Day Collection	108 00
Allen's Day Collection	22 00
Dollar Money Collected	864.00

Numerical Statement.

Number of Members		1389
"	Probationers	135
"	Sunday School Scholars	1287
"	Adults baptized	43
"	Infants baptized	80
"	Churches built	2
"	Parsonages built	2
"	Deaths	41
"	Sermons preached by Presiding Elder	181

The brethren of the District have my most sincere gratitude for their mutual co-operation, in making the work a glorious success; also

the congenial membership of the District for their faithful endeavors in the support of the work. Trusting that the Great Head of the Church may continue to lead on to success and victory, I am, as ever,

Yours, In His Name,
DAVID F. CALIMAN, P. E.

The following report of the Wheeling district was read by Presiding Elder C. A. McGee.

Presiding Elders' Report.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, Greeting.

In making this my annual report of the work in the Wheeling District, I wish to return thanks to God for continued blessings. During the year I have traveled constantly over the district without an accident, and have only been off of the work one Sunday on account of sickness.

I am under many obligations to the pastors and people for their co-operation I think it can be said without flattery that it would be hard to find a better set of pastors than those composing the Wheeling district.

Nearly all of our quarterly meetings have been attended with Divine presence. This is proven by the fact that in nearly every quarterly meeting men and women have sought the better life. We have not been able to lengthen our cords this year to a great extent, but we have strengthened our stakes. I think I am safe in reporting to you that the work is in better condition than ever before spiritually and financially. That we have not added any new work to the district is not because there is no work that could be added but because the district is so large that the P. E. has no time to look after new work. Most of the churches in the district have had good revivals this year. While a few of our pastors take but little interest in the cause of missions, as a rule this part of the work has been well looked after We have, I think, a missionary society of some description in every charge in the district.

Too much cannot be said for the W. M. M. S., besides paying $100 on P. E. salary, they have paid to the ministers in the district, $167, thus proving themselves to be friends in the time of need. Most of the money has been wisely appropriated, and like seed sown in good ground has already brought forth good fruit.

Our Christian Endeavor work is not in as good condition as we

would like it to be, yet I believe some progress is being made in organizing and maintaining C. E. societies in the district. The same is true of our Sabbath work; while progress has been made the work is not what it ought and can be made. There are hundreds of our children throughout the district who are without church and Sunday school training. Every Sunday school in the district uses our own Sunday school literature. Our churches and ministry must give more attention to the gathering in and instruction of the children. During the winter almost the entire State of West Virginia was affected with small pox. This of course interfered with the progress of the work for a while, but I am thankful that the plague was stayed and the work went on.

During the month of April an interesting D. C. was held in Morgantown and was attended by a large number of ministers, local preachers, lay delegates and through the preaching of the gospel at this meeting souls were brought into the kingdom of Christ. At this conference Sister Rachel White, of Uniontown, was licensed as a local evangelist and she has been doing good work for the Master. Brother H. F. Blue was also recommended for admission into the traveling connection, but for some cause or other I learn that he will not present himself at this conference.

Our District Sunday School convention held its annual session at Clarksburg, and it was said to be the best convention of the kind in the history of the district. The convention was attended by a large number of delegates and ministers who took a deep interest in the work, looking to the bettering of the condition of our young people. I have constantly urged the claims of our periodicals upon our people, but find it very difficult to get our people to subscribe. All other claims have been earnestly kept before the people and I think will show an increase. The reports will show an increase along all lines of connectional moneys collected. I am thankful to report to you that death has not broken our ministerial rank this year, yet our homes have not been exempt from sickness and death. Sister Henrietta Eaton, wife of Rev. J. S. Eaton departed this life at Washington, Pa., August 19; also his little daughter Olivia, died Sept 9, and was laid to rest by the side of her mother. With sad hearts we bow our heads in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. We know that we shall sleep, but not forever.

"We shall meet with our loved ones,
Torn on earth from our embrace;
We shall hear them bid us welcome,
And behold them face to face."

No. of members died	30
" infants baptized	56
" Adults baptized	63
" Conversions	326
" Additions	188
" Full members	1295
" Probationers	197
" Local preachers	12
" Evangelists	1
" Exhorters	3
" S. S. scholars	990
P E assessment	$687.57
W. M. M. S	100.00
Traveling expenses	134.12
P. E support	653.25

Wheeling is a growing and progressive city with a growing and progressive population of our race. With D. S. Bentley as pastor of our church, has kept pace with the times. Every phase of the church work has been carefully looked after by the pastor. The great need of this charge is a parsonage.

SISTERSVILLE—We have a mission here a little more than a year old. Owing to the unsettled condition of the people it has been hard to build up a membership or congregation, but as the population is becoming more settled the prospect for our church grows better. Brother C. H. Arnold, a local preacher, has faithfully pastored this mission. The great need here is a house of worship.

PARKERSBURG—It is well known that this church has been under a cloud for several years. It was sold March 1896, the Building and Loan buying it in In the year 1898, through the influence of Bishop Lee, the Church Extension Society bought it in, with the understanding that the local church was to pay to the Society $100 per year This contract has not been kept for the reason that we have not been able to raise the running expenses of the church until this year. Under the pastorate of Rev. E. R. Bazier, a splendid year's work has been accomplished. The membership has been doubled, a good congregation built up, and much needed repairing done on the building. I feel confident that during the coming year the church will be able to begin to meet its obligation to the Church Extension Society.

CHARLESTON—This difficult charge has been pastored by Rev. C. P. Hurrington, who has, under the circumstances, done an excellent work. The church building which was sold two years ago is still held by the B & L Association. We have the use of the building by paying $10.00 per month, which pays the interest on the money.

The building will be sold whenever they can find a buyer. The debt is $35,00, but I have no doubt it could be bought for much less. Some relief must be given at this conference if we expect to continue our work in this city. Charleston has the largest population of our people of any town in the State, and for us to fail in this progressive city means failure for our church in this end of the State

Boon Circuit—This circuit is composed of Boone, Wyoming and Raleigh counties The people are farmers and as a rule good people. Rev. I. A. Barber has pastored this charge and has done the best he could. My opinion is that a good circuit rider could do well on this work.

Huntington and Ceredo—Rev. J A. Lotterberry has pastored this work While at Ceredo the work has prospered, there has been little done in Huntington. In order to establish a church in this city it will be necessary to put a man there and give him some support until he can get a start Huntington is a good town with a large and progressive population of our race.

Wayne—This is a mission with six members. We sent Rev. Moore to this charge but he has failed to look after the work. Bro. Lotterberry has had charge of this work since March.

Clarksburg—Clarksburg is one of the most prosperous towns in the State. Our church work has prospered under the pastoral charge of Rev. J. E. Morris The Building and Loan debt has been reduced from $577 to $130, also other needed improvements made.

Weston Circuit—This circuit consists of Weston Sutton and Stouts Mills, Rev. L. V. Jones is pastor and he has done a good work. God has blessed his work at Weston and Sutton with good revivals and a building up of the work. This work suffered from the small-pox as it was quarantined for several weeks.

Buckhannon and Indian Camp—Rev. S. B. Morris, pastor. This work also suffered from the small-pox. The town of Buckhannon being quarantined for nine weeks Yet God has wonderfully blessed the labors of the pastor in building up his membership and paying the church debt. On the fifth day of August the church was dedicated free of debt.

Elkins and Coketon—This work at the last annual conference belonged to the Beverly circuit but was detached and Rev. A. C. Hayes appointed pastor. He has served very acceptably for six months. He has kept the work at Coketon moving and re-organized a class at Elkins which in time will be a good charge. We need here a church building. Brother Hayes has also looked after the work at Phillippi and preached at a Railroad camp.

Beverly and Cassidy Fork—Rev. J. W. Hayes has done well

here as pastor and school teacher. He has not only preached at his appointment but also at Berrysburg, a mining town in Barbour county and one or two Railroad camps.

MORGANTOWN—Rev. S. Christian has closed a four years successful pastorate at this place. The last dollar of indebtedness has been paid and souls have been brought into the fold through the preaching of the gospel. The church is free of debt.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—Rev. G. C Sampson is the faithful pastor of this charge with its large debt; he has faithfully done the work as pastor and financier; he has paid $1500 on the mortgage debt; $1000 of this was collected in the city; $500 borrowed from the Church Extension; he has also paid $100 on outstanding debts; paid interest on the mortgage debt, also back interest due the Church Extension Society.

BROWNSVILLE—This old historic town is the birthplace of two of America's greatest citizens—our own Rt. Rev. B. W. Arnett and the Hon. James G. Blaine, deceased. Rev. Carter Wright has been very faithful in pastoring this place. Perfect harmony existing between pastor and people.

WAYNESBURG—Rev. J. P. Stevens, pastor. This charge has not been prosperous this year, but very little harmony between pastor and people. This grew largely out of the deal for the purchase of a lot for a parsonage; on examination the pastor found the contract for said lot was not per Discipline and the deal was declared off. The trustees sold ten feet off the rear end of the church lot for $100. This was applied to the church debt.

WASHINGTON—This charge under the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Lowry is the best organized church in the district. Every department of the church being organized for christian work. A glorious revival resulted in 133 conversions, 86 of whom have been received into full membership. The church interests, local and general, have been carefully and faithfully looked after.

CANONSBURG—The church here is still without a house of worship. The walls of the building begun over two years ago, stand unfinished. The reason for this seems to be that the contract is so constructed that the trustees cannot compel the contractor to complete the building unless 95 per cent. of all money due for building is paid and the balance to be paid in 15 days. However, the pastor with a loyal membership have pushed ahead and God has blessed their labors in the conversion of 50 souls and the collection of over $1500 for building purposes and the promise of the contractor that he will enclose building before the setting in of the cold weather. Total collected $3,019.22

West Middletown—At the last annual conference Rev. J. S. Eaton was returned to this charge against his own wishes, the will of the people, and the recommendation of the P. E. The dissatisfaction grew to such an extent that Brother Eaton was released from the charge and Rev. T. J. Simmons was appointed. He has served the charge very acceptably.

Wellsburg – Rev. R. M. Henderson has served this charge one year and God has blessed his labors. He purchased a lot and put up a neat frame church building 25x35 at a cost of $600 which was dedicated to God August the 16th almost free from debt.

McGovern Mission was at the last annual conference attached to Washington station. Deacon R. H. Baker has successfully pastored this charge this year.

Finleyville—Sept. 26, assisted by Rev. G. G Skinner, I organized a class of 8 members at this place. The charge had been worked up by a local minister, Brother W. L. Green; he preached to the people and God honored his word with the conversion of souls. I wish more of our local preachers would do likewise.

Philippi—Rev. J C. Williams, a transfer from the Virginia conference, was appointed to this mission, but owing to failing health he asked for and received a transfer back to the Virginia conference, and Philippi was attached to the Elkins circuit.

I believe this to be a correct statement of the condition of the work in the Wheeling District. As you all know the district is very large, making it both expensive and burdensome to travel. From Brownsville farthest point north to Wyoming county, farthest point south you travel 489 miles.

We have in West Virginia, belonging to the Pittsburg conference, fifteen church buildings and twenty preaching places. This of itself is a district. The proper thing to do, had we the means to support it, would be to make a district of this, which would lessen the expense of traveling and give the presiding elder time to work the district. West Virginia is enjoying a boom of prosperity hitherto unknown. Oil, gas and coal fields are being developed in nearly every county in the State. Railroads are being built in every direction. In fact industries of every kind are being developed and hundreds of our people are coming into the State from every part of the country. We should take advantage of this season of prosperity and develop our church work.

Give us the men to do the work and money to help them and in a few years you will hear from every hill top and from every valley the sermons, prayers and songs of the sons and daughters of

Allen, and we will give back to the connection as good a conference as there is in the connection

I am yours in the work, C. H. McGee.

The following report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by I. B. Till, and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Members of Pittsburg Conference greeting:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—In the ownward (march) flow of time and progress of events we come before you once more in this our annual report of the Department of Church Extension. The year just closed though marked by many events which have thrilled the nation and the entire world, yet the conquering arm of God has led on the militant host to higher attainments. The work of the department is characteristic of all previous years. With demands far in excess of the possibilities of the department. Many of them indeed are of a nature sufficient to exhaust the receipts.

We greatly fear that it is almost impossible for, not only the general Church, but also the General Board itself to fully comprehend the difficulties under which this department operates. The increasing demands of this department in any fiscal year will almost exhaust its receipts. There should be a surplus of not less than $25,000 to $50,000. This is possible when we consider of all the Church Departments this is one only upon which the entire Church and School turns its eye in the hour of financial distress, believing that its demands must be answered. These urgent demands are not possible from the very fact nine-tenths of our churches are heavily burdened with debts. This with the interest of about $10,000 standing out suggest how difficult to meet these urgent demands, unless there is a larger provision made to strengthen the revenues of this department.

We should not be unmindful that the close of this the 19th century, crowds upon us greater demands with larger prospects, with more urgent responsibilities in the work of Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom. The Kingdom of Christ is materially and spiritually, progressing, not only keeping pace with civilization, yea is preceding it, dotting the valleys and hillsides with churches in its onward march. The reports show the entire amount raised by the churches of this Conference the past year is $153.94. Amount brought to Conference $20.17. Sent on to Secretary $133.77. Total $153.94.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. Bently,
B. H. Lee,
I. B. Till,
} Committee.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read by J. E. Morris, and adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

The figures showing the number of Bibles put into circulation during the past century are little less than marvelous. According to trustworthy estimates some 270,000,000 copies have been published and disposed of during that period by the Bible Societies alone, and if all printed copies were to be included it is probable that the number would not be less than 280,000,000. The Bible Societies are the chief agencies of distribution, however, and there are 73 of these, chiefly in Europe and America. Leslies' Weekly gives the following account of their work:

"Two Bible Societies stand far above all others in the gross amount of their circulation. The British and Foreign Bible Society whose output during the century has reached a total of 160,000,000, and our own American Bible Society which issued last year 1,380,892 volumes, and in all since its organization in 1816 has sent out 66,000,000. The Zulu Bible published by the American Bible Society is a factor in South African affairs larger and more influential than many more conspicuous in international politics. Whatever happens in the Transvaal it will not cease to do its silent work."

Only lately a grateful letter came in acknowledgement of a consignment of Bibles for use among the full-blooded Choctaws, who number 12,000. In China the American Bible Society issued last year 438,000 Bibles, distributed by native coolies and burden-bearers, as well as foreign missionaries.

The following is a report of the money raised this year in the Pittsburg Conference for this worthy cause.

Pittsburg District	$7.65
Allegheny District	8 25
Wheeling District	7.48
Total	$23.38

All of which we most respectfully submit.

C. A. McGee,
G. W. Webster,
J. E. Morris,
} Committee.

The following report of the Committee on State of the Country and Condition of the Afro-American, was read by Dr. Gazaway, and adopted.

State of the Country and the Condition of the Afro-American.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee ask permission to present the following as their report:—The blessings of God have been lavishly bestowed upon a nation during the past year, for which we are thankful. The industrious farmer has been rewarded abundantly for his activity, his granaries are full, prices are good, and the demand for the products of farm and field is not only confined to our own American market, but distant countries call upon us for supplies. Goods manufactured in the United States are being bought by foreign dealers at the rate of more than one million dollars a day, during July, which is ordinarily a dull month with exporters. The total exports of manufactures was $34,545,142. The total record for the seven months ending with July was $268,300,189.

Our new possessions, are rich fields from which may come abundant products, which will increase the variety of our articles of merchandise, as well as add to the financial status of our great people. With a complete educational system established in our new possessions, and the hitherto uneducated natives given a liberal literary, scientific, philosophic and Christian education, we may expect a much more desirable condition among them. The object of the American Government seems to be fair in its treatment of the complex questions and consequent conditions arising out of our extended dominions.

The conflict in the Philippine Islands is gradually disappearing. Civil government is being established and a better condition of the people generally, will, we believe, be obtained under American rule. We have confidence in the ability of the Congress of the United States to properly guard and guide the administration of affairs in our new possessions until a condition of perfect peace is reached by all concerned.

The closing of the 19th century is witnessing the formation of important history in connection with, not only our own, but other great countries of the world. The conflict of Great Britian in South Africa has been protracted and bloody. The little Boer Government has made a great record for bravery and endurance. In their defeat we believe will be brought a better condition of things for the hitherto oppressed natives. The British Commander, past seventy years of age, yet brilliant and daring, and a successful field general, has few equals and no superiors among the younger generals or commanders of our day. Younger men have been compelled to stand aside for the hero of seventy years.

The difficulty with China, will, we believe finally result in great good in that better protection will be given to the missionaries of all countries and for the native Christians. We are saddened as we read the account of the slaughter of consecrated men and women by the Boxers. The blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the church and we verily believe, that God will raise up hundreds, who will be powerful agents in his hands in carrying forward the great work of christianizing China.

And as a race variety we are represented amid the great armies of the nation, and the bravery of our soldiers is known to the world. The Negro soldier is the equal in ability and courage to the soldiers of any race variety as the records of many battle fields will testify. We regret that in the face of these facts, that there is not given to him the equal promotion and honor that the white soldier receives for no greater deeds of bravery. It is sad to witness this injustice to the Negro soldier by the government he has so faithfully suffered and fought to save.

The spirit of American slavery is being revived, as is seen in the annuling of the Constitutional Amendments bearing upon the elective franchise of our people in the South and the abridgement of our rights almost generally. There is an effort in the South to keep the Negro in ignorance. It is said that "Hereafter all grammar schools in New Orleans for colored children will be abolished and the education furnished the children of the blacks is to be restricted to the primary grades. It is claimed in behalf of this movement that education makes the Negro discontented and unfits him for his ordinary condition." Retribution will come at a time and in a way that is not looked for. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

The Negro should unite in everything that is in itself ennobling. We must be producers as well as consumers. We are making a mistake in crowding into the populous cities, where rents and the commodities of life are high. We need to be located in the farming districts, own and till the soil; our boys and girls must be taught self-dependence, we must take hold of all branches of industries and professions that white men engage in, and force by merit the recognition due. Our young men and women must realize that the fight for justice and recognition is on and that they must meet the combination of power against them. Our public schools must be the place where our children of school age can be taught. The spirit of lawlessness is increasing and the interests of all are involved. Lawlessness is blind to race and color, once aroused and it leaps into any and every avenue of successful operation and gratification once under way, no man or general interest is safe.

With the cosmopolitan population of our great cities and the anarchistic and communistic feelings that exist the tendency to mob and murder and apply the torch must be watched. This lawlessness once aroused and encouraged by successful operation will not stop at the black man's door, but palatial residences and banking houses and capitalists will meet the issue in fire and blood. The course of the mobs in New York and Akron, Ohio, and Mansfield, Ohio, are illustrations of the type and extent of the increase of the lawless spirit that obtains now.

We cannot indorse the recommendations of some persons, that we join the enemies of our country and the race. Our influence as a people must be on the side of morality, wisdom and Christianity. Our hope for complete success must be in God, who rules and overrules among the nations of the earth, and we believe that when a man's ways please the Lord, that he will make his enemies to be at peace with him, and though his enemies may be strong, he will make him flee seven ways before him.

We are thankful for the success God has given us in the wide spreading influence of our Church organization. Greater sacrifice for the progress of the Church is necessary. Holier living by professed Christians must be practiced. Christ must be exalted and the highest exhibition of Christian excellence be given to the world. We delight to have as our presiding officer the Rt. Rev. B. W. Arnett, D.D., LL.D., whose interest in the Negro of this country is known to every reader of American history of the past thirty years. He stands second to no man on American soil. We honor the man, we honor his brilliant record in Church and State. Born in Pennsylvania, but Ohio was his battlefield, where he has so brilliantly won his honors. Ohio joins hands with Pennsylvania in doing him honor.

WHEREAS, The country at large is turbulent with devastating wars, henious crimes, murderous and various convulsions of nature, floods, and whirlwinds, and,

WHEREAS, A reckless reign of lawlessnes and mob violence seems to be on the increase in all sections of our country. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Church and her ministry humble themselves under the mighty hand of God and earnestly pray, trust, act and believe, for divine interposition, to assuage and ameliorate, in his own time and way, this awful deluge of sin and wickedness which threatens our civil and religious life.

Resolved, That we, the ministers of Jesus Christ and the A.M.E. Church, recognize the necessity of a more thorough and definite consecration of life and talents to God, and more vigorous efforts

to raise the standard, morally, intellectually and spiritually among the various classes of people with whom we come in contact and especially respecting the race with which we are identified.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Gazaway,
D. F. Caliman, } Committee.
R. H. Morris,

Pending the adoption the report was ably discussed by H. A. Grant, Dr. Gilmere and Dr. Asbury. Rev. W. J. Johnson of the North Ohio Conference was introduced. Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Arnett.

Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 1.30 o'clock, Bishop Arnett in the chair. After a short devotional service report of the Committee on Sunday School Union was read as follows, by S. A. Lewis, and adopted:

The Sunday School Union.

The Committee on Sunday School Union of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Pittsburg Conference, beg leave to submit the financial report for the present year by districts:

Pittsburg District	$46.50
Allegheny District	64.36
Wheeling District	36 43
Grand Total	$147.29
Cash brought to Conference	12.90

WHEREAS, There is a decrease of $22.00 in our collection for the Sunday School Union of the A. M. E. Church, and

WHEREAS, The needs and demands of this important branch of our Church work are ever increasing, therefore be it

Resolved, That redoubled efforts be put forth during the ensuing Conference year.

Signed,
S. A. Lewis,
J. S. Eaton,
H. J. Williams.

The report of the Committee on Wilberforce University was read by Dr. Gazaway, and adopted as follows:

Wilberforce University.

To the Bishop and Conference:

Your Committee on Wilberforce University ask to submit the following as their report:—Wilberforce University is our pioneer educational institution, and has made it possible for all the other educational institutions under our control by fostering the spirit of, and thirst for a Christian education. The great usefulness of our educational institutions is apparent to all conversant with their accomplishments.

The founders of our educational work are gone from us, but we rejoice that their spirit lives and works within us. We feel as did Bishop D. A. Payne, Bishop James A. Shorter and Dr. John G. Mitchell, the great need of great effort, to make Wilberforce a success. This institution being our oldest, should receive the first and strongest support, by an ample endowment. A great work is necessary to be done by the Church in connection with her young people, and the future success of our Church.

To the Church general, there comes a greater field of operation. God has opened to us our Fatherland. Africa demands men and women teachers and preachers. The call is upon us; shall we answer the call? If we as a great church organization do not, God will call others to do our work, and thus our crown shall be taken. Wilberforce must live to bless posterity. She has been planted in faith and watered with tears, consecrated by prayer, sustained by great sacrifice, and she must live to bless the race and honor God.

It is the mind that stamps man as superior to the animals beneath Him. The mind is a transcript of the Deity. It is to be developed and used by God in the promotion of His Kingdom in the world. Its capabilities indicate at once the purpose for which it has been given. How proper then that the Church take part in this mind training. This is the work of our beloved Wilberforce. Let us see to it that it is well done.

Resolved, That we will continue our efforts in the direction of an ample Endowment Fund for Wilberforce University. That the work we believe God intends to accomplish through her agency, may, as far as we are able to assist, be carried out.

Signed,
J. W. Gazaway, }
W. H. Brown, } Committee.

The Bishop stated that the Ohio Conference adopted the report on Wilberforce University by making a personal offering, and Dr. Gilmere moved that each minister of this conference and the friends

thereof respond with a contribution to Wilberforce according to our individual ability, and the motion prevailed. Amount contributed $43.00.

FOR WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY.

Amount of money collected by donations, subscriptions and public collections at the Pittsburg Annual Conference, Oct. 13, 1900.

Name	Paid.	Subscribed	When to be Paid.
Bishop C. S Smith	$1.00		
G C. Sampson		2.00	90 days.
J. M. Gilmere.	1.00		
J. W. Gazaway		2.00	90 days
C. N. Woodson	1.00		
P. A. Scott	1 00	2 00	90 days
D. S. Bentley	.50		
Carter Wright	.25		
J. J. Norris	25		
B H. Lee	1.00		
R. M. Henderson	1.00		
G. T. Prosser	.50		
R. H. Morris	1 00		
Alexander Smothers		1 00	30 days
D. Newsom		1 00	90 days
D. E. Johnson		2.00	90 days
J. P. Stephens	1.00		
C. P. Hurrington		1.00	90 days
T. A. Green		2.00	90 days
Carter Wright		1 75	90 days
J. E. Morris		.25	
Richard Brown	1.00		
A. E. Walden		1 00	90 days
L. A Barber		1.00	90 days
William N. Young	1.00		
M. S. Jones	1.00		
C. N. Butts	.50	1.50	90 days
O. T. Davis		2.00	90 days
C. J. Powell	.50		
S. Christian	.25		
S. B. Morris	1.00		
H. G. Thomas	1.00		
H. J. Williams		1.00	90 days
G. W Webster		1 00	90 days
G. G Skinner	.50	2 00	90 days
J. C. Young	.25	1.00	90 days
S. Burrell	1.50		
P. W. Douse	1.00		
H. A. Grant	.50		

Name	Paid.	Subscribed	When to be Paid.
T. J. Askew	1 00		
T. J. Simmons	50		
D. F. Caliman	5 00,	($5.00 for Payne Seminary)	
C. A. McGee		($5.00 for Wilberforce)	
C A McGee		($5.00 for Payne Seminary)	
John W. Riley	1 00		
S. P West	.50		
Benj. Wheeler	.50		
F. E. Bowser	1 00	5.00	
J S. Eaton		2.00	
J. W. Riley	1.00		
I. B. Till	1.00		
W. S. Lowry	1 00		
J. W. Hays		2.00	90 days
J W Jeffries	1 50		
J. E Morris	.50		
L. V. Jones	.25		
Charles Addison	.50		
Johnson	.25		
R H. W. Leak	1.00		
B. F. Watson	1.00		
Rebecca Aldridge		2 00	30 days
——— Morris	1 00		
E. R Bazier	1 00		

Total amount, including cash paid and public collection, $42.00.

Rev. J. C. Young, of the Virginia Conference, was introduced, and his transfer to this conference was announced by the Bishop. A telegram was received from Dr. P. A. Hubbard, Financial Secretary, stating that he would be present this evening, which was read to the conference.

After a lively song, Dr. Watson read the following annual statement of the Church Extension Board:

Report of Secretary of Church Extension Society.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Department of the Church Extension presents to you (all things considered) a most cheering state of affairs This, the youngest department of our church, has been instrumental in rendering aid to hundreds of churches, and in many instances, in saving valuable property to the connection. More than $100,000 has passed through the hands of the Secretary to the aid of struggling churches during the eight years existence of the Department. This sum might properly be called the savings of the church, for before the establishment of the society, these moneys were gathered as now, but spent. For what purpose the record saith

not. To-day we have an invested capital of over $50,000 while another $5c,000 has been given in donations to needy churches. The accrued interest to date is a little over $10,000, making the total assets for the Department of Church Extension $60,000.

FAULT-FINDING.

There are many fault-finders. Bishop Turner considers Church Extension has wrought a great evil to the connection in that it has made worthless preachers, by paying church debts for them Should the Department be blamed for worthless preachers securing loans on the recommendation of the local conference board, approved by the Bishop? We think not. There are others who find fault with the Secretary for what they are pleased to call "red tape." To these we have only to say that the Board of Church Extension is alone to blame for establishing a policy and ordering the Secretary to adhere to it. The Board has ordered that not more than $35.00 shall be given as a donation to any church. That churches having borrowed from the Department and failed to pay the interest on the loan, that no additional loan shall be given said church until the interest shall have been paid or covered in a new note.

We call special attention to the Children's day returns from your conferences, and ask that your committee on Church Extension compare reports of "Sent on" with the report herewith given. We ask further that you inquire into the matter of unpaid interest herewith reported.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

We have received from the Pittsburg conference the following returns:

W Bridgewater, R Brown	$3 00	Charleroi, S P West	4 50
Uniontown, G C. Sampson	7 50	Pittsburg. J. W. Gazaway	15 85
Titusville, I. B. Till	2 64	Washington, W. S. Lowry	7 50
Erie, C. J. Powell	5.00	Monongahela, R. H. Bumry	2 00
Beaver		Allegheny. R. H. Morris	6 74
Clarksburg, M. W. Grayson	1 50	Brownsville, C. Wright	5.00
Franklin, H G. Thomas	3.00	Alleghany, R Spencer	1 00
Braddock, W. N. Young	4.50	Phillipsburg, L Jackson	2 62
Morgantown, S Christian	1.50	Elizabeth, T. J. Davison.	5 00
Bloomsburg	.50	Williamsport, Miss M.E Stevenson	4 50
Waynesburg	.67	Pittsburg, J. W Jeffries	3 94
Tyrone, A. Smothers	2.60	W. Newton J. Norris	3 50
Greensburg, M. S Jones	1.50	Scranton, J. M. Gilmere	1 50
Bellefonte, C. N. Woodsen	4 06	Bradford, S. C. Honesty	2 00
Middletown, Santee Burch	5.00		

Total receipts $98.45

Loans and interest due the Department from this conference up to July 1st, is as follows:

Principal		Interest.	
Parkersburg, W. Va.....	$772.00	.....	$ 168 24
Monongahela, Pa.....	100.00	.....	34.00
Uniontown	200.00	.....	4 00
Homestead	50 00	.....	14 50
St. James, Pittsburg	100 00	.....	18.50
Charleston, W. Va.....	100.00	.....	15.50
Buckhannon, W. Va.....	50.00	.....	10.25
Huntington, W. Va.....	130.00	.....	11.70
Total principal.....	$1,457 00	Total interest.....	$ 276.69

The attention of the conference is called to the neglect of pastors and trustees in meeting their obligations to the Department. I trust you will urge the necessity of their prompt payment of the interest now due Thanking you for past favors shown the Department, we ask that you increase your efforts that the success attained may be continued. May the Lord of the harvest give you a bountiful blessing the coming year and a crown of life for your eternal reward.

We are in His name,

Yours truly,

B. F. Watson, Secretary.

Prof George F. Woodson, Secretary of Payne Seminary, made a brilliant speech on behalf of that Institution, and said this Conference had given the largest amount in a lump, ($200) that had ever been given by any Conference in the Connection. The address was very instructive and showed excellent work being done by our schools. Rev. C. M. Tanner made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Seminary, and minutely described the plan of the Payne Watch. The report of the Committee on Payne Theological Seminary was read as follows by W. S. Lowry, and adopted:

Report of Payne Seminary.

Payne Theological Seminary engages our attention at this time. It is a subject of unequaled interest to the Church and race and stands as a monument to each. No greater undertaking could have been started. The success of this institution rests largely, if not wholly, upon the ministers and members of the First, Third and Fourth Episcopal Districts. The time is coming, and now is at hand when we can no longer afford to make an empty show for the sake of honor, but when we must have real work and worth on the part of those who shall represent us in the interest of our schools. Why

not resolve to see to it that we elect for trustees of our schools only such men as have the interest of our schools thoroughly at heart Why not resolve to do something substantial for Payne Seminary, our only hope for an educated ministry ?

The demand is on the Church and race for an educated ministry. Let each Annual Conference in the three districts, pledge to support two young men annually in Payne Seminary at a cost of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars. Said money shall be taken from any annual conference fund available.

There shall be no objection or opposition to any charge sending money to the student-fund. This fund shall be kept under the direction of a constitution, especially prepared for its contingents. Should the several conferences adopt such a plan, it will give us an annual fund for the education of Theological students amounting to $1800 annually, with 24 Theological students in school in the three districts. We would suggest that at each annual conference in the several districts, there be elected what shall be known as the Ministerial Board of Education, whose duty it shall be to see that annually $150 be placed in the student-fund. The object of this Board shall be, to assist worthy young men of the African M E. Church in preparing for the work of the ministry.

Any young man desiring the benefits of this fund must be recommended by the Quarterly Conference to the Annual Conference. Said applicant must come before the examining committee, and the result of examination shall be reported to the Ministerial Board of Education. This money shall be voted out, in the form of a loan, to the student without interest, to be returned to the treasurer at ten per cent of the gross amount of salary annually received by him. If said student should leave connection, or fail to stay in the ministry, then, the entire amount loaned him shall become due and at once be collected by the Board, together with six per cent interest. Let the Annual Conference appoint a committee on constitution and by-laws, and form of application for aid.

We congratulate our connection on the wise selection of Bishop B. T. Tanner as Dean of Payne Seminary, a man of many years' experience and ability; and we predict for our school great success. We regard the appointment as a providence; no greater blessing could we have expected than the appointment of this scholarly Christian gentleman—Bishop Tanner. As a connection we are fully able to send and assist not less than five or nine young men, tried, true, earnest and energetic in the interest of Christian education. Young men who have graduated from some Theological school are thereby

African Methodist Episcopal's, who feel their calling is to teach in our seminary. Therefore, be it

Resolved: That we pray our bench of bishops to have set aside such a fund, as will enable the connection to have said young men thoroughly trained in some foreign institution, that will give credit and inspiration to our Church in sending students to our seminary. Secondly, and be it further

Resolved: That we, the ministers of the Pittsburg Conference shall use every endeavor, and see to it that a students' fund from henceforth shall be a matter of fact in this conference. Lastly be it further

Resolved: That each minister subscribe and pay, according to his ability as God has blessed him, to the endowment of Payne Theological Seminary.

W. S. Lowry,
R. H. Morris, } Committee.
S. P. West,

Rev. C. A. McGee read the following report on Sabbath Desecration:

Report on Sabbath Desecration.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:

We your Committee on Sabbath Desecration come forward to submit our report for your consideration. The American nation has its root in the Sabbath, and its future character will be determined by it. If this country rejects or neglects the Sabbath, its character will change, and elements of disintegration will work its destruction; for no republic nor nation can continue in internal peace and healthy growth without some moral and spiritual force which shall maintain a standard of morals governing all its citizens.

Some ruling principle must control a people who have a right to independent thinking and suffrage. if they are to remain united. So the principles of Christianity must maintain if the Christian Sabbath is perpetuated. "Righteousness exalteth a nation." Sabbath observance is essential to national righteousness. Sabbath desecration lowers the standard of righteousness, deadens the public conscience and generates corruption.

History informs us that 20,000 divorces in fourteen months in France were granted immediately after the abrogation of the Sabbath. The Church and the State must stand or fall together. Those who will not render unto God the things that are God's will not render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. The man who robs God will rob his fellowman. The man who disobeys the law of God will not

be careful to obey the law of the State. Sabbath desecration strikes at the very foundation of the Church of Christ. It lessens the attendance of the Church and dries up the fountains of its life. Sabbath desecration destroys not only the Christian service, but cuts the top root of all missionary effort. It lowers the authority of the word of God and brings down the Church service to a lower plane.

Those who attend church in the morning and desecrate the rest of the day mock religion and God. Walter Scott said: "Give the world one-half of Sunday and you will soon find that religion has no strong hold on the other half." If sports like Sunday golf are legitimate then every other form of amusement is. What is said in support of this may be said of other classes elected for recreation. They open the door not only for picnics, dancing, excursions and base ball, but for horse racing, bull fights and the prize ring. Those who play golf on the Sabbath for the most part are people of wealth and leisure who have no excuse for robbing God and their own souls of the divinely appointed time for worship and spiritual culture. We condemn their example as baneful and their responsibility great. We condemn this and other Sunday amnsements, such as the Sunday bicycle as demoralizing. Therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Conference unite their efforts to suppress this evil of Sabbath desecration.

C. A. McGee,
J. H. Grant, } Committee.
S. C. Honesty,

The report on admission was read as follows by S. P. West:

Admission.

We your committee have examined the following named brethren, as per Discipline, and the figures appended to their names will indicate their standing in their studies: Engalls E. O'Brient average, 74 per cent.; Horace H. Gray 90 per cent.; Charles H. Arnold, 59 per cent We have carefully inquired into the life and character of these brethren, and believe them to be blameless with the exception of C. H. Arnold, who smokes. All are married, but none have children except C. H. Arnold, who has three. The standard average for admission being 70 per cent., we therefore recommend the admission of E. E. O'Brient and H. H. Gray.

S. P. West,
R. Brown, } Committee.
T. A. Green,

The committee on First Year studies reported by D. F. Caliman, as follows, and the report after slight revision, was adopted:

First Year's Studies.

We your committee on First Year studies have had before us Brothers L. V. Jones, A. C. Hayes, C. E. Wheeler and Charles Addison, and have examined them in the prescribed studies for the first year. The per cent. of each is as follows: Jones, 79.6.; Hayes, 70.; Wheeler, 74 2; Addison, 58.2. We therefore recommend that they be passed to the Second Year studies.

D. F. Caliman,
I. B Till,
J. W. Jeffries,
} Committee.

The committee on Second Year studies was read by R. H. Morris, and adopted:

Second Year's Studies.

We your committee on Second Year studies beg leave to make the following report: We have examined George T. Smith and Charles J. Powell, and they passed as follows: George T. Smith, 72 per cent ; Charles J. Powell, 73 per cent , and therefore recommend that they be passed to the Third Year studies, and be received into full connection.

D. S. Bentley,
W. H. Brown;
R. H. Morris,
} Committee.

The report of the committee on Fourth Year studies was read by W. S. Lowry, and adopted:

Fourth Year's Studies.

We your committee on Fourth Year studies report the examination of and present the following named brethren: Francis E. Bowser, general average, 82 per cent.; recommended to Elders' orders, J. S. Eaton, general average, 80 per cent.; recommended to Elders' orders. C. N. Butts general average; 50 per cent ; recommended to elders' orders on the grounds of his church work; retained to bring up Fourth Year studies.

Walter S Lowry,
George C Sampson,
D. E. Johnson,
I. B. Till.

The committee on re-arrangement of the work was reported by D. F. Caliman, as follows, and was adopted:

Re-arrangement of the Work.

We your committee on re-arrangement, beg to submit the following: 1. That Finleyville be taken up and attached to the Belle

Vernon circuit; 2. That New Kensington be attached to Kittaning, and comprise the Kittaning circuit.

D. F. Caliman, B. Wheeler, C. A. McGee, } Committee.

The report of the committee on Public Worship was read by R. H. Morris and adopted.

The Allen's Day report was read by J. J. Norris, and adopted:

Allen's Day Report.

We your committee on Allen Day, beg leave to report as follows: After considering the birthday of the founder of the great A M. E. Church and believing as generations come and go, that the name of our departed saint should be kept in perpetual memory by celebrating regularly the date of his birth by a special financial rally for the Publication Department, which is a monument to him, therefore be it

Resolved, That we put forth greater efforts to the end above mentioned, and that we aid the General Manager in his great effort to secure the 100,000 subscribers to the *Christian Recorder*. Amount raised by the churches this year is $51 48.

J. J Morris, H. G. Thomas, Alex. Smothers, } Committee.

"Oh for a Thousand Tongues," was sung, and conference adjourned with benediction by Dr. Jenifer.

Evening Session.

The Conference convened at 7.30 with Bishop Smith presiding, and engaged in a precious song service led by H. A. Grant, and C. P. Hurrington earnestly addressed the throne of grace. "I will not forget Thee," was sung.

The chairman of the Committee on Admission presented before the altar E. E. Obrient and H. H. Gray, who after a very fatherly exhortation and earnest charge were received into the Conference on trial. George T. Smith and Charles J. Powell were called before the altar, and after being questioned and obligated according to the Discipline were received into full connection in the itinerant ministry of the Pittsburg Conference.

G. C. Sampson reported the cash Endowment Money, amounting to $20.10. Dr. P. A. Hubbard arrived and was introduced to the

Conference. On motion of C. A. McGee, A. C. Hayes and C. H. Arnold were elected to the office of Deacon, and on motion of B. Wheeler, E. E. Obrient was elected to the same, all under missionary rule.

After a song, Dr. Leak stated that he desired to hold a Conference Sunday School at 2 o'clock on Sunday, and announced the names of the teachers of the same. According to previous announcement Dr. Leak proceeded to deliver one of his strong and witty addresses to a large and enthusiastic audience. He said, "We intend to continue the Allen Day Celebration, but the collection of that day shall be given to the local churches, and not to the Publication Department." He said, "Give us one hundred thousand cash subscribers and at the end of this quadrennium I will turn the Department over to the Connection free of debt, or report to God the reason why." The address was replete with forceful and striking illustrations and matters of interest.

Bishop Arnett suggested that an offering be taken for the Publication Department, and that *The Recorder* be sent to some of the old people of the Church for the amount thus raised. The sum raised was $6.00.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Arnett.

FOURTH DAY.—SUNDAY.

Ordination Service.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 14, 1900.

At 10.30 the morning services began, and Hymn No. 36, "Once more we come before our God," was announced by Bishop C. S. Smith, and sung. Rev. C. A. McGee led in prayer. The Bishop read the 72 Psalm, and the Decalogue was led by Prof. George F. Woodson. Hymn 277, "Jesus the name high over all," was sung.

Bishop Arnett stated that much to his regret, his physical indisposition would not permit him to preach at this hour, as announced, and that Bishop Smith had kindly consented to take his place. He chose for his text Psalm 72:11, "All nations shall bow down before Him." "The text," he said, "presents five considerations: viz:

1. The Messiah.
2. The character of His reign.
3. Christ's Kingdom shall endure forever.

4. Christ's Kingdom shall extend to the uttermost parts of the earth.

5. Because it is Divine."

Each division was ably discussed and strong historical and Scriptural proofs were cited in evidence of their truthfulness. He said in part: "His Kingdom rests upon righteousness, justice and truth, and the whole structure of the Christian system rests upon belief. Every man believes 99 per cent more than he knows or can know." The metaphysical law of the supremacy of mind over matter was vividly set forth. After this great sermon Bishop Arnett led in prayer.

While a few selections were being sung, the Finance Committee lifted a contingent collection amounting to $53.17.

The Committee on Second Year Studies presented before the altar A. C. Hayes, E. E. Obrient and Charles H. Arnold to be ordained Deacons. They were questioned and charged by Bishop Smith, and were solemnly ordained by Bishop B. W. Arnett. The Committee on Fourth Year presented before the altar Frederick E. Bowser, Jacob S. Eaton and Charles N. Butts, to be ordained Elders, and after duly obligating and charging them, Bishop Arnett solemnly ordained them Elders in the A. M. E. Church. He was assisted by Dr. P. A. Hubbard, B. Wheeler, W. S. Lowry, D. E. Johnson, C. A. McGee, G. C. Sampson Sandy Christian and I. B. Till.

The Lord's Supper was administered to those advanced to holy orders, and a recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m.

Sunday Afternoon.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

At 2 p. m. the conference Sunday school assembled with Dr. Leak as General Superintendent. Hymn 93, "Sowing the Precious Seeds," was sung, and T. J Smith led in prayer. "Seeds of Promise," was sung and the "Apostle's Creed" was recited by the school. The Decalogue was led by Dr Leak Dr B. F. Watson was appointed chorister. The school was divided into 20 classes and a teacher assigned to each.

Bishop Arnett was introduced to the school, which acknowledged the introduction by standing Owing to the lateness of the hour the regular lesson was dispensed with and a very instructive talk was delivered by Dr. Leak. By a series of questions he brought before the school the fact that those who withhold from God their full ser-

vice on the Sabbath day are taking that which belongs to Him, and therefore are stealing. It was a strong blow in defence of proper Sabbath observance. The teachers lifted their several class collections and $11.72 was realized for the school. "Blessed Assurance" was sung and the school was dismissed.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

At 3 o'clock the devotional services were conducted by Dr. D S. Bentley, who announced Hymn No. 1, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," which the choir and congregation sang. Isaiah 35 was read, and Dr. Bentley led in prayer. "The Holy City" was very sweetly sung by Mrs. L. E. Gordon Dr. P. A. Hubbard, Financial Secretary of the A. M. E. Church, was introduced and selected for his text Matt 11: 4–5, "Go show John again those things which ye do, see and hear; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them." He said in part, "The Holy Ghost makes a radical change in a human being. "A man that has had his feet plucked from the mire and the clay can never forget it." Each proposition in the text was abundantly and beautifully verified by Old and New Testament proofs, and the Holy Ghost was so powerfully present as to fill the house with the glory of God. It was an able and pathetic elucidation of the Divinity and Messiahship of Christ

Bishop Arnett followed with one of his strong and convincing exhortations to holy living and asked for a collection. While a selection was sung the Finance Committee received an offering of $19.30 for contingent expenses After this the Lord's Supper was administered to the conference and congregation and this was the largest and most glorious communion service ever held by the conference. Several hundred persons bowed at the table of the Lord and renewed their covenant with Him.

A recess was taken until 7 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Dr. Hubbard.

Sunday Evening.

At 7 o'clock a very precious song and praise service was led by H. A. Grant, and a large number testified for Christ.

At 7.30 Rev. W. H. Brown announced Hymn 284, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," which was sung. Rev. D. F. Caliman led in prayer. "Is my name written there," was sung.

Bishop Arnett asked the great congregation that filled the house almost to suffocation, to be as quiet as possible under the circumstances, and introduced Dr. Cornelius Asbury, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly pastor of Bethel Church, Pittsburg, who selected as his text, James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

He said in part, "All men may be liars, but Jesus Christ is Truth. There may be false and blackhearted people, but Jesus Christ is absolutely pure and holy. Such a pure and spotless being is eminently qualified to be the author of a pure and holy religion. Pure means free from any impure mixture, will not mix with any impurity. Religion is the life and power of God in the soul. It is life and joy and peace. It is not dark and dreary, but has sunshine and smiles. It does not live in the alley of doubt, but upon the avenue of faith and trust. It does not live in the cellar, but in the upper story. The Son of God walks arm-in-arm with his people."

After a sweet song, the Bishop made some very encouraging and comforting remarks as to the constantly abiding presence of God with His Children, and made an earnest appeal to sinners to become Christians. Several persons asked for prayers. While several selections were being sung the Finance Committee lifted a collection amounting to $20.27.

A large overflow meeting was held in the lecture room of the church, led by D. F. Caliman, C. P. Hurrington, C. A. McGee, H. A. Grant, and a few others, which was very spirited. At the close the sum of $6.00 was raised, making the total collection for the day $106.

The services closed with the benediction by Dr. Asbury.

FIFTH DAY.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 15, 1900.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Arnett presiding. Dr. Watson announced Hymn No. 1, "O for a thousand tongues to sing, which was sung, and led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved. W. L. Green, a local preacher, reported that a society had been organized at Finleyville, Pa., and read a report from the same.

The report on Episcopal Residence was read as follows by W. H. Brown.

Report of Committee on Episcopal Residence.

We your Committee beg leave to make the following: We have inquired into the needs of the Episcopal Residence of our Bishop at Wilberforce, Ohio, and we respectfully recommend that one hundred and twenty-five dollars ($125) be appropriated to the Episcopal Residence.

W. H. Brown,
C. A. McGee,
D. S. Bently,
} Committee.

Dr. Gazaway read the report of Bethel Church, Pittsburg.

The Easter Day report was read by G. T. Smith, and adopted:

Easter Day Report.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 12, 1900.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Easter Collection beg to make the following brief summary report: The spirit of missions is very active, as the collections for the year show.

Raised by the Pittsburg District	$223.23
Raised by the Allegheny District	230 19
Raised by the Wheeling District	172.35
Total	$625.77

Respectfully submitted,
W. N. Young,
Charles Garner,
George T. Smith,
} Committee.

The following report of the Dollar Money and Appropriations Committee was read by R. H. Bumry:

Dollar Money Report.

We your Committee on Dollar Money and Appropriations beg to submit the following report:

Total Dollar Money	$2236 62
To Church Extension	222 76
To Financial Secretary	1028 65
To Conference per centage	806 34
To Contingent Money	162 35
Total for Disbursement	968 69

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Entertaining the Conference	$ 73 25	
Secretaries	20 50	
Sexton	10 00	
Gas, Electricity	10 00	
Ice	1 00	
Galveston Flood Sufferers	50 00	
Stationary, sundries, etc	7 90	
Bishop C. S. Smith's traveling expenses	15 00	
Allen Christian Endeavor Society	20 00	
Charles S. Smith, Reporter, Stenographer, and taking evidence in the Grant Case	25 00	
Episcopal Residence	125 00	
Traveling expenses	30 00	
Letters, petitions, telegrams, postage and credentials	20 00	
The Grant Case	19 40	
Total	$427 05	
Amount brought forward		$427 05

FOR WIDOWS.

To Mrs. Mary Watt	$30 00	
To Mrs. Grace P. Offer	30 00	
To Mrs. A. Jackson	30 00	
To Mrs. M. E. Russell	30 00	
To Mrs. Margaret Evans	30 00	
To Mrs. Annie Cyrus	30 00	
To Mrs Margaret A. Jones	30 00	
To Mrs. W. G. Ralph	30 00	
To Mrs. Rebecca Morris	30 00	
To Mrs. Nancy E. Tanner	30 00	
To Mrs. Jane Pride	30 00	
Total	$330 00	
To Mrs. W. H. Palmer, donation on funeral expenses	20 00	
Grand Total	$350 00	$350 00

FOR ORPHANS.

Two children, Rev. S. H. Lacey	$12 00	
One child, Rev. D. Lewis	6 00	
One child, Rev. Joseph Johnson	6 00	
One child, Rev. Johnson	6 00	
One child, Mrs. W. H. Pride	6 00	
One child, Mrs. J. E. Russell	6 00	
Total		$42 00

Mrs. Arnett's traveling expenses	15 00
Two scholarships, Wilberforce University	60 00
Grand Total	$893 05

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount of contingent money	$968 69
Total amount of expenditures	893 05
Balance on hand	$ 74.64

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. Lowry, Treasurer,
R. H. Bumry, Secretary,
J. W. Jeffries,
G. G. Skinner,
W. H. Brown, Chairman,
} Committee.

The report of the Minute Fund was read by the Conference Book Steward, D. S. Bentley.

Book Steward's Report.

Distribution of the Annual Conference minutes of 1899.
Bishops, General Officers and Pastors, 78.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Place.	Number.	Value.	Expressage.	Amount.
Wylie Ave	63	9 40	35	9 05
Euclid Ave	69	10 35	50	10 15
Braddock	12	1 60	25	1 55
Greensburg	9	1 35	35	1 10
New Haven	16	2 50	25	2 25
Altoona	9	1 35	35	1 00
Tyrone	17	2 75	45	2 30
Bellefonte	13	2 40	50	1 90
Lockhaven	12	1 80	50	1 30
Williamsport	29	3 44	...	.....
Phillipsburgh	12	1 80	40	1 40
Bedford	15	2 25	50	1 75
Wilkesbarre	16	1 97	57	1 40
Scranton	17	2 55	65	1 90
Montrose West Pittston	17	2 55	1 35	2 20
Bloomsburgh	14	2 10	35	1 75

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Place.	Number.	Value	Expressage	Amount
Brown's Chapel	50	7 50	40	7 10
Chartier's Station	35	5 20	35	4 75
South Side	15	2 25	35	1 85
Homestead	14	.....	45	1 35
Pleasant Green	10	.....	...	.....
Monongahela	16	2 05	35	1 70
New Brighton	15	2 25	35	1 90
Franklin	13	1 95	25	1 70
Meadville	15	2 10	35	1 80
Oil City	25	3 75	75	3 00
Titusville	9	1 35	40	1 00
Elizabeth	9	1 35	35	1 00
W. Bridgewater	8	1 20	30	90
Bradford	14	2 10	35	1 75
West Newton	11	1 65	30	1 35
Charleroi	9	1 35	...	1 30
Sewickley	5	75	...	75
McKeesport	10	1 50	35	1 15
Belle Vernon	9	1 35	55	1 00
Erie	6	90	35	60
Olean	10	.....	...	1 50
Duquesne	6	90	35	55
Bellevue	7	1 00	...	1 00
Kittanning	4	60	30	30

WHEELING DISTRICT

Place.	No.	Value	Ex.	Amt.
Washington	30	4 50	35	4 15
Canonsburgh	29	4 35	35	4 00
Wheeling	20	3 00	...	3 00
Waynesburg	17	2 75	35	2 40
Clarksburg	9	1 35	25	1 10
Morgantown	12	1 80	40	1 40
W. Middletown	8	1 20	...	1 20
Charlestown	5	75	40	35
McGovern	4	60	...	60
Cereda	10	.....	...	.....
Buckhannan	12	1 80	25	1 55
Philippi	6	.....	...	.....
Mannington	...	.....	...	.....
Sistersville	...	.....	...	.....
Boone	..	.....	...	.....
Weston	10	1 50	30	1 20
Brownsville	24	3 60	40	3 20
Uniontown	19	2 85	40	2 45
Wellsburg	9	1 35	25	1 10
Parkersburg	11	1 65	30	1 35
Beverly	9	1 35	40	1 00

RECAPITULATION.

Money in hand at last report	$ 76.15
Received from sale of minutes this year	95.25
Total amount	$ 171.40
Paid to Brown & Whittaker, Hamilton O	145.40
Freight, postage etc	10.00
Total amount paid	$155 40
Balance in treasury	18.20

W. H. Brown offered a resolution that the conference appropriate a sufficient amount of money to replenish the depleted minute fund. The motion prevailed.

Trustees to Wilberforce University.

J. W Jeffries term expires in 1901; P. A. Scott, term expires in 1903; H A Grant, term expires in 1903; S. P West term expires in 1904. The Secretary read the following communication:

WHEELING. W. Va., Oct 10, 1900.

To the Bishop and Members of the Pittsburg Conference:

It affords me great pleasure to write to your assembly and thank you all for your kindness to me. I graduated from the commercial course last June, very much pleased with the course and instructors, and as soon as I obtain permanent employment I shall always remember the Pittsburg Conference in a way to help some one to secure an education. I still keep Christ ever before me and I know if I do right He will be my Father. I ask the prayers of the conference for my success in life, whatever my field may be, and also as a church worker, that I may not only be a Christian by precept, but by example. I pray God's blessings upon the conference as a body. What I am or ever hope to be I owe to Christ, my mother and the Pittsburg Conference.

Wishing you success, I remain yours gratefully.

BESSIE V. GRANT.

By motion of D. S. Bentley the Pittsburg conference scholarship to Wilberforce University was granted to Charles Brown, son of W. H. Brown, of New Brighton, Pa.

At 10.30 o'clock the conference resolved itself into the Preachers' Aid Society and transacted the following business:

Minutes of Preachers' Aid Society.

PITTSBURG, PA., Oct. 15, 1900.

At 10.30 o'clock the Preachers' Aid Society was called to order by the president, P. A. Scott. After some brief preliminaries the conference roll was called and the members answered by paying their annual dues of $1.00, and also the death assessment, and fine of 25 cents for the death of Dr. W. H. Palmer.

A motion of R. H. Bumry that the $4.60 unpaid to the heirs of Rev. Richard Tanner, deceased, be paid this year, was referred to the executive committee.

Rev. D. F. Caliman said he had as many obligations upon him as he felt able to meet and therefore he did not desire to be a member of the society longer, but would still pay his assessment on the death of any member.

Dr C. Asbury, who had been transferred to the Tennessee conference, said he desired to still be a member of the Pittsburg conference society.

A motion by S P. West, that the present officers be re-elected, was lost and an election was held resulting as follows: President, Sandy Christian; vice president, Cyrus N. Woodson; secretary John W. Brown; treasurer, Richard Brown. The previous treasurer, B. Wheeler, made a verbal report of the state of the treasury.

A motion prevailed that the unpaid claims from last year be the first considered and honored pro rata, and that the amount paid on same now cancel the entire claim Amount of dues received $45 00; amount of death assessments $39.75. The executive committee report is as follows: Claims of the following preachers paid:

Revs O. T Davis,	$7.50	Revs. M. S. Jones	$6.00
" T. J. Askew,	7.00	" W H. Brown.	9.00
" J. W Riley,	7.50	" J. J. Norris,	3 50
" S. A Lewis,	10.00	" C. Asbury,	8.00
Total paid			$58 50

R. H. Morris
J. W. Jeffries,
B. H. Lee,
} Executive Board.

P. A. SCOTT, Pres't.
I. B. TILL, Sec'ty,

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1900.

Balance in treasury at the Adjournment of last Conference.....	$ 7 79
Death assessments received this year before Conference.....	15 25
Received at conference from the president dues, etc.....	66 50
Received from executive board.....	1 25
Grand total in Treasury.....	$90 79

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Death assessment to Sister Palmer	$ 9 00
Death assessment to T. J Askew	5 00
Paid I B Till for stationery	1 50
Paid W. H. Brown for sick dues	9 00
Paid O. T. Davis for sick dues	7 00
Paid T. J Askew for sick dues	7 50
Paid J. W. Riley for sick dues	7 50
Paid M. S Jones sick dues	6 00
Paid S A. Lewis sick dues	10 00
Paid J J Norris sick dues	3 50
Paid to C. Asbury for sick dues	8 00
Paid Sister Palmer death assessments	16 00
Paid B Wheeler for sending notices	40
Total paid out	$90 40

Leaving a balance in the treasury of thirty-nine cents

B WHEELER, Treasurer

After a few introductions and announcements, conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Smith

Afternoon Session.

At 1 o'clock the Conference was called to order by P. A. Scott, and after a song, the Preachers' Aid Society held a short session to complete the election of officers.

At 1.30 Bishop Smith took the chair and introduced Dr. C. Asbury, who spoke earnestly on behalf of the Sunday School Union. Dr. Leak spoke again on behalf of the Publication Department.

The "Kings' Daughters" of Allegheny and Pittsburg were introduced, and the Conference arose in acknowledgement of the same. R. H. Morris acted as spokesman for the society, and extended hearty greetings, which were appropriately responded to by Bishop Smith. Bishop and Mrs. Arnett were made honorary members of the "Kings' Daughters' Society" and each given a silver cross as a badge of membership.

After a song, Dr. Hubbard spoke very instructively upon our Dollar Money System.

Status of the Ministry.

The Disciplinary Questions were answered as follows:

1. PREACHERS ADMITTED ON TRIAL:—Engalls E. Obrient and Horace H. Gray.
2. PREACHERS REMAINING ON TRIAL:—John A. Latterbury, Chas.

E. Wheeler, Levin V. Jones, Charles Adison, John W. Amiss, A. C. Hayes.

3. PREACHERS ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION:—George T. Smith and Charles J. Powell.
4. THE DEACONS OF THE CONFERENCE:—Charles J. Powell Daniel Newsom, John W. Hayes, Levin V. Jones, John A. Latterbury, A. C. Hayes, E. E. Obrient, Charles H. Arnold.
5. PREACHERS ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS AND ELDERS THIS YEAR:—(1) A. C. Hayes, Engalls E. Obrient and Charles H. Arnold. (2) Frederick E. Bowser, Jacob S. Eaton and Charles N. Butts.
6. No one located this year.
7. THE BISHOPS ARE:—Henry M. Turner, Wesley J. Gaines, Benjamin W. Arnett, Benjamin T. Tanner, Abram Grant, Benja- F. Lee Moses B. Salter, James A. Handy, William B. Derrick, Evans Tyree, M. M. Moore, Charles S. Smith, C. T. Shaffer, Levi J. Coppin.
8. There are no supernumeraries.
9. DIED THIS YEAR:—Rev. William H. Pride, M. D., died at Monongahela Pa., April 21, 1900, after a brief illness.
10. There are no superanuated preachers.
11. None have been expelled.
12. None have withdrawn this year.
13. With one exception the preachers are blameless in life and conversation.
14. The preachers are stationed this year according to the following appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

BENJAMIN WHEELER, Presiding Elder

Bethel, Pittsburg.....J. W. Gazaway
Euclid Avenue, Pittsburg.....J. W. Jeffries
Wilkesbarre.....R. H. Bumry
Williamsport.....D. E Johnson
Scranton.....D. S. Bently
Altoona.....A. Smothers
New Haven.....S. B. Morris
Tyrone.....S. A Lewis
Phillipsburg.....J. M. Wilkes
Braddock.....W. N. Young
Bloomsburg.....D Newsom
Bellefonte.....C. N. Woodson
Bedford.....O. T. Davis
Waverly.....Charles Garner
Greensburg.....T. A. J. West
Lock Haven.....M. S. Jones
Duquesne and Finleyville.....J. W. Riley
Transferred to Virginia Conference.....T. A. Green
Transferred to Tennessee Conference.....J. H. Grant

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

D. F. CALIMAN, Presiding Elder.

South Side, Pittsburg.....T. J. Askew
Sewickley.....Eli McKnight
New Brighton.....H. A. Grant
West Bridgewater.....Richard Brown
Meadville.....J. W. Brown
Franklin.....H. G. Thomas
Oil City.....P. A Scott
Titusville.....I. B. Till
Bradford.....S. C. Honesty
Erie.....J. C. Powell
Homestead.....F. E. Bowser
McKeesport.....C. N Butts
Elizabeth.....B. H Lee
Monongahela.....J. C. Young
Chartiers Street, Allegheny.....W. H. Brown
Charleroi.....S. P. West
Belle Vernon.....G T Smith
Bellevue.....Charles Addison
Kittanning.....C E Wheeler
West Newton.....J. J. Norris
Brown's Chapel, Allegheny.....R. H. Morris
Pleasant Green and Pike's Run.....L. V. Jones

WHEELING DISTRICT.

CHARLES A. McGEE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Wheeling.....J. M. Gilmere, D.D.
Wayne .....L. A. Barber
Wellsburg.....R M Henderson
West Middletown.....T. J Simmons
McGovern.....R H Baker
Cannonsburg .....G G Skinner
Washington.....W. S Lowery
Waynesburg.....C P. Hurrington
Brownsville.....Carter Wright
Uniontown .....G. C. Sampson
Elkens and Coketon .....A. C Hayes
Beverly and Casidy .....J. W. Hayes
Buckhannon.....Sandy Christ an
Weston.....G. W. Webster
Clarksburg.....J. E Morris
Charleston.....W. B. Anderson
Boon Circuit.....J. A. Latterbury
Huntington and Ceredo .....H. H. Gray
Sistersville .....C A. Arnold
Morgantown.....A. E. Walden

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS.

Mrs. Grace P. Offer, Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge, Ingulus E. Obrient, Elizabeth Rainer, George T. Prosser.

15. Our next Conference shall be held in Clarksburg, W. Va.

At 3 p. m. the Conference resolved itself into the Women's Mite Missionary Society, and transacted the following:

Minutes of the Women's Mite Missionary Society.

PITTSBURG, PA., October 15, 1900.

The Women's Mite Missionary Society convened at 3 o'clock, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. W. Batch of Elizabeth, Pa. Scripture reading by Mrs. M. E. Wheeler, of Canonsburg, Pa. Singing, "O for a heart to praise my God," announced by Mrs. H. A. Grant, of New Brighton. Prayer led by Mrs. Rosa Strawthers of Charleroi after which "Blessed Assurance" was sung, led by Mrs. Rebecca Aldridge, of Pittsburg.

Next was the President's address, which was full of thought inspiration and instruction. Conference roll was called and the amount collected for dues was $27.50, after which public collection was taken up by Mrs. R. H. Bumry, of Monongahela, and Mrs. Lyda A. Lowry, of Washington, which amounted to $11.72, making a grand total of $39.22.

The society known as Twin City Union was reported by Mrs. Gracie P. Offer of Pittsburg, who is its president, after which the Society through its president presented $15.00 to Bishop Arnett as a donation to the Conference. Treasurer Mrs. Lyda A. Lowry made her report, which was commended by the Bishop, and a motion prevailed that the report be received and adopted.

In the closing remarks of the Bishop he stated, the church in Charleston, W. Va. must be saved to be a monument of our Women's Mite Missionary Society. Dr. D. S. Bently of Wheeling, W. Va., arose and subscribed to the ladies $5.00 for the same, also Rev. R. H. W. Leak, D.D., of Philadelphia, Pa. Adjourned.

President, Mrs. J. W. Batch,
Secretary M. Levada Carter.

At 4.30 Conference reconvened, and M. S. Jones read the following report on Presiding Elders' Assessment.

Presiding Elders' Assessment.

PITTSBURG, PA., October, 13 1900.

To the Bishop and Conference:

We your Committee on Presiding Elders' Support beg leave to submit the following report: We have carefully considered the financial status of the churches and the amounts paid for support of the Presiding Elders and we your committee recommend that the assessment of the churches in the Pittsburg District remain unchanged.

We also recommend that the Finleyville mission be assessed $4.00,

and Southside, Pittsburg, be assessed $10.00, otherwise the assessments of the Allegheny District be unchanged. Your committee further recommend that the Wheeling District remain unchanged.

District.	Members.	Amount.
Pittsburg	1563	$735 72
Allegheny	1387	910 00
Wheeling	1295	655 25

TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Pittsburg District	$ 90 28
Allegheny District	100 00
Wheeling District	134 15
Total number of membership	4245
Total amount of assessment	$2501 25
Increase over last year	498, assessment 361 96

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Lowrey,
G. G. Skinner,
M. S. Jones,
} Committee.

The following Temperance Report was read by J. P. Stephens.

Temperance Report.

To the Bishop and members of the Pittsburg Annual Conference:

The subject of Temperance assigned us, your committee come forward to present the result of their labors. As a result from careful consideration we have discovered, of all the vital issues confronting alarming, and menacing the future with a retard to the progress of our Christian civilization, that none has placed itself so defiantly in the path of this nation's progress, as intemperance. The Negro problem, the Chinese adjustment, the Philippino's claims, the Transvaal's contention, are by no means comparable with the urgent claim placed upon this nation for protection and defence against this formidable foe, intemperance.

And that the sympathies and prompt co-operations gained for issues of less vitality, has been meagerly offered to this subject of intemperance, that has solicited most earnestly the unanimous co-operation of Church and State. No other subject seems to invite agitation and create estrangement and rancor, and has divided this nation against its vital interest as intemperance. In frightful alarm, one portion views the true meaning of this accursed legacy intruded upon them by ancient custom, because they have been made to bear the anguish, that burden the souls of this Christian nation, for their sons and daughters, and aged parents, brought on by intemperance.

The multiplied woes, and impovishment, the frightful wreck made among our little boys and girls by this ravishing monster has caused one part of this great nation to tremble. The use of cigarettes among our boys is greatly encouraged by the examples set them by Christian fathers in the use of tobacco, and the habitual use of snuff among our Christian mothers have greatly augmented the use of opium in the homes, and organization of the dens. All of these combined, have presented a most appalling influence that threatens to destroy and to demoralize this great nation.

Notwithstanding these glaring evidences that are indicative of destruction to this nation, we deprecate the acknowledgment, that encouragements are being given by those that have the power to destroy this hydra. Compromise after compromise has been made to assist in the offering of our children upon the altar of this prostitute god of drunkenness, and viewing the host of worshippers at this shrine, the spectacle would invite the advocates of temperance to to desist. But we have also discovered that although slow, and almost imperceptible the labor of the temperance cause is being encouraged, and gain year by year. Throughout the United States and territories, with the exception of Utah, Arkansas, Virginia and Georgia, temperance laws have been inaugurated, 16,000,000 children of school age are under temperance influence and protection.

Sentiments and influences are being moulded and effectually operated against the use of wines and other intoxicating beverages in our homes and sociables. Virtuous women, and famous men, rich and poor of all nations have entered the list, and are grappling hand to hand in this struggle for a purer and soberer Christian civilization, and to force from our midst the accursed saloons and opium dens. And we believe that because temperance is right, and intemperance is wrong, temperance must, and temperance shall triumph over intemperance. Therefore be it

Resolved, That as members of this Pittsburg Conference, we will endeavor under Almighty God to exercise a stronger and more exemplary influence upon our churches and homes by sacrificing our appetites for the things that we preach against and are sure that they mean the retard of our progress through life and our entrance in heaven.

S. Christian,
Daniel Newsom, } Committee.
J. P. Stephens,

At 5 o'clock Conference adjourned and retired to the outside of the church to be photographed.

Benediction by Bishop Smith.

Evening Session.

Conference was called to order at 7 o'clock by P. A. Scott, and after a song, J. W. Riley led in prayer.

The Preachers' Aid Society held another brief session and heard the report of the Executive committee.

Dr. Gazaway then took the chair and opened the memorial service. Hymn 492, "Why should we start," etc., was sung, and prayer was led by Rev. E. D. W. Jones, Avery A. M. E. Zion Church, Allegheny.

The report on memoirs was read by J. W. Jeffries.

Report of Committee on Memoirs.

To the Bishop and members of the Thirty-third annual session of the Pittsburg Conference—We your committee on memoirs beg to submit the following report: We realize that in the midst of life, we are in death, and also do we realize that the natural death is to the Christian eternal life. For while God buries his workmen, his work is carried on. For thus sayeth the Scriptures. "They rest from their labors, but their works do follow them" During this conference while many of the workmen in the vineyard of the Master were toiling in the services of the Lord in their different fields, their labors were interrupted, their battles were fought, the victory won. It is with sadness that we your committee record the entrance of death into our ranks, and among the fallen was our beloved co-worker and brother in the ministry, the Rev. Wm. Hubert Palmer, B. D ,M D. Born in Lewistown, Pa,, Oct. 24, 1850. Early in life he received the blessed Saviour in his heart, as he was born and reared in a home of consecrated African Methodism. He entered the ministry, joining the Pittsburg Conference. He attended Wilberforce University, graduating from the Theological department. Returning to the Pittsburg Conference, Rev. Palmer was stationed at St. Paul S S. Pittsburg. Here he labored and built a church, during which time he studied and graduated from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College. He was next appointed pastor of our church at Monongahela City In the year 1891 he was married to Miss Cora Garnett, of Pittsburg Four children were born to them, two of whom survive him. He departed this life April 21, 1900, after a very brief illness, at his pleasant home in Monongahela City, at the age of 49 years. He was laid to rest in that city by a large number of ministering brethren and a host of friends paid tribute of respect to his christian character, his moral worth, and his professional ability.

Another strong and energetic Brother and General Officer of our

Church has fallen in the shadow of death in the person of Dr. R. M. Cheeks, editor of the *Southern Christian Recorder*. He was a strong defender of the truth and an able expounder of our Lord's gospel. As an editor he was faithful to the last. Being afflicted for a long time, yet faithful, earnest and was determined to meet the General Conference at Columbus, Ohio, to submit his report to that honorable body, which he did, and was by the General Conference, re-elected by acclamation. But alas, death found him there. For on May 19th, 1900, he was called from labor to reward and a mansion of eternal rest. He leaves to mourn their loss a faithful and loving wife, and a host of admiring friends.

Again the sad news of death comes; this time the wife of our beloved and esteemed Bishop Abraham Grant in the person of Sister Florida Grant, who fell asleep in death August 21st, 1900, at Atlantic City, N. J. at the age of 49 years.

We also chronicle the death of Sister Annie T. Davis, wife of Rev. O. T Davis, who departed this life March 3d, 1900, at Everett, Pa. Sister Davis was born Oct. 3d, 1854, in the city of Baltimore, Md. She received an education in that State where she afterward taught school for several years. She was married to Rev. O. T. Davis June 16 1874. She was a noble christian wife, sharing with her husband all the hardships of an itinerant minister's life. She was a prominent member and a worker in W. C. T. U. Sister Davis was a faithful and helpful wife and a kind and loving mother. She has closed the scene of labor and toil, and passed to her reward in the full triumph of faith.

Sister Henrietta Eaton, the wife of Rev. J. S. Eaton, who departed this life August 19th, 1900, at Washington, Pa., in full triumph of faith. She was a devoted wife, a good helper and a loving mother; she leaves to mourn her loss the husband and two children, Again Brother Eaton's home was visited by death in the loss of a loving daughter, Olive Eaton, who departed this life Sept. 9, 1900, at the age of nine years.

WHEREAS, In the death of the above named persons, the bereaved homes, and the Church of Christ has sustained such severe strokes from the hammer of workmanship of death.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the divine providence of Almighty God, we feel keenly the stroke that has fallen upon us. Be it further

Resolved, That we condole and sympathize with the bereaved ones, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well Sleep

on, loved ones, sleep on; we shall meet again when the day shall break and the shadows flee away.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Morris,
Carter Wright, } Committee.
J. W. Jeffries,

Pending the adoption of the report, the life of Dr. Palmer was briefly eulogized by W. H. Brown, and Mrs O. T. Davis by C. N. Woodson. "Shall We Meet Beyond the River," was sung, led by C. P. Hurrington. Dr. Asbury paid a touching tribute to Dr. R. M. Cheeks, ex-editor *Southern Christian Recorder*, and "Rest for the Weary," was sung. W. S. Lowry spoke lovingly of Mrs. Henrietta Eaton, and little daughter, and H. A. Grant paid a tender tribute to little Emma Walden, deceased daughter of Rev. A. E. Walden.

Bishop Arnett spoke very tenderly concerning all of the dead, and the bereaved ones, and said, 'It is not only our custom to thus remember the preachers, but also their wives and children. The preacher and wife and children under 14 years of age are members of the conference." He paid a most touching tribute to his departed mother, and said his breavement had given him a strong feeling of sympathy for others who are bereaved. The tribute which he paid to the mothers of the race was such as shall inscribe his memory upon the granite walls of the tenderest recollections of mothers, sons and daughters of generations yet to come. "Meet Me There," was sweetly sung by D. F. Caliman and the congregation.

The General Conference funds were reported by J. W. Jeffries, the conference treasurer, as follows.

Treasurer's Report.

Rev. Bishop and Members—I wish to submit my report as treasurer of General Conference funds:

Amount collected from charges as per assessment	$290.69
Paid to delegates	125.00

PAID TO DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS;

Rev. C. Asbury	35.00
R. H. Baker	20.00
D. F. Caliman	25.00
G. G. Skinner	25.00
W. E. Bellows	20.00
	$125.00

TO INCIDENTALS.

Publishing cards	
Postals and revenue	5.69
To general committee	160.00
	165.69
	125.00
	290.69
By Bro. Sampson	6.00
	296.69

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. JEFFRIES,
Gen'l Conf. Treas.

Dr. Cornelius Asbury, who had been transferred to the Tennessee Conference made a few parting remarks which were very touching, and brought tears to many eyes, and was responded to by W. H. Brown in a very kindly and affectionate manner. An extensive set of resolutions was read by H. A. Grant, expressing appreciation of and gratitude to Bishop B. W. Arnett and wife, Bishop C. S. Smith, the General officers and other distinguished visitors, Dr. Gazaway and congregation of Bethel Church, the city pastors, the public press and the Secretaries, all of which was adopted.

On motion of P. A. Scott, twelve hundred minutes were ordered published.

Bishop Arnett then offered a few very tender closing words to the conference, complimenting the ministers upon the great work accomplished during the past year and urging on to greater achievements in the year to come, and said in part: "If you go in His name you will have His promises. Go as ministers of the gospel. Remember that ministerial appearance, expression and conduct have much to do with your success. The minister is the parson of the community, the leader, the most reliable and influential person, and do not lower the standard if you want success."

The appointments were then read and the thirty-third session of the Pittsburg Annual Conference, and the last in the 19th century, adjourned to meet in 1901 at Clarksburg, W. Va.

"God be With You Till we Meet Again," was sung, and Bishop Arnett pronounced the benediction.

B. W. ARNETT, Bishop.
Wilberforce, O.

P. A. SCOTT, Secretary.
Oil City, Pa.

Welcome Address to the A. M. E. Conference held at Pittsburg Pa. in Wylie Ave. Church by Rev. Edward D. W. Jones, A. M.., Pastor Avery A. M. E. Zion Church, Allegheny, Pa.

On behalf of the local clergy of Greater Pittsburg, it is my pleasant task to utter words to you of hearty welcome. We bid you welcome to a city whose industrial development and progress have been the marvel of the last quarter of a century, to a city that forms a basis of religious operation, and the centre of energetic christian activity for several great Protestant denominations, a city within whose bounds your own great church has been an important factor in the moulding of the thought and shaping of moral character, and crystalizing a pure, healthy sentiment of liberty and right of our race, and in stamping its impress upon the gigantic reformatory movements that have made this city a light upon the hill to direct the weary seeker to a safe haven of rest and peace, prosperity and happiness.

We welcome you to our public libraries, to our beautiful parks, to our blazing furnaces, to our many institutions of learning, to our churches, to our homes and to all and anything that will make your stay pleasant and profitable.

We welcome you as co-laborers with us in the mighty struggle of right against wrong, of truth against falsehood, of sin against purity, of God against Satan and as common fellow workers in the kingdom of Christ.

We assure you that while we appreciate your devotion to truth, your adherence to the doctrines once delivered to the saints, your labor and sacrifice, we also congratulate and glory with you in the widely extended success that has marked the success of your church in all the decades of its existence.

We welcome you because of your glorious past, because of the brilliant achievements of the fathers who built so wisely this religious fabric and have bequeathed to you this precious legacy as a monument of their own individual integrity, power and foresight, and secured us an undeniable manifestation of the possibilities of our own people, and third as a demonstration of God's favorite mercy toward the oppressed, the outcast and fallen. It may not have been the prime intention of the Wesleys to establish a distinct church from that in which they had received their early teachings and religious impressions, and the Methodist Church as a whole may have been forced upon the world by supernatural interposition because of the large proportions it assumed under the powerful advocacy of its promoters, but there can be no doubt that there arose a religious necessity, a positive demand, an uncontrollable propelling force that pushed on to the formation of a distinctive branch of African Meth-

odism, and to the establishment of a church at whose sacred shrine all might equally worship and before whose altar, all, regardless of caste and prejudice, might reverently bow. However reflective may he the admission, the fact remains the same, that practical christianity which teaches one God, the Father of us all and one Christ the creator of a common brotherhood, was at a low state at the latter half of the last century, and even regardless of the streaming light of divine revelation and the clear unerring guidance of the Holy Spirit, the interpretations of God's truths were so construed as to exclude equal participation in religious rites and ceremonies, by a despised element of given christian adherents whose souls were equally as valuable and whose salvation was as earnestly sought. It was the spirit of religious liberty, permeating the constructive minds of the fathers, arousing the dormant conscience of a proscribed manhood, that had heard from the lips of the great teacher of the universality of all gospel privileges and grants, that had given you this mighty fabric of African Methodism that justifies the wisdom of the fathers, as decade after decade witnesses the onward and upward march of your valiant army. The progress that Negro Methodists have made during a century of existence, engraves upon the towering granite shaft that rears itself above the mounds that marks the resting place of its founders, this imperishable and undeniable inscription they built more wisely than they knew, because their structure was an architectural conception of the mind and purpose of God. If men could not on account of either color or condition exercise the rights of citizenship, if they were debarred from all else that characterized American life and manners, they would not submit to the shackling of their spiritual desires, God himself would not have it so, and the evil bearing its independence from the perfect law of gospel liberty, feeling that it must untrammeled seek the God that gave it being, indulged itself in the pleasant anticipation of a day when God would be worshiped without fear of molestation or discrimination.

Thus, as early as 1787 we find that one man's mind had been unquestionably touched with the spirit of freedom on religious subjects for his race, and unwilling longer to be forced into back seats and galleries and be compelled to listen to the abusive language of enemies, unwilling longer to submit to the crushing and crumbling of the ideal christian character that heaven had reared in their souls, unwilling longer to have the God within them insulted and harrassed, unwilling longer to be associated with a system that was ungodly and Satanic, Richard Allen, the greatest name in the galaxy of your eminent prelates, struck the blow for liberation and inaugurated a revolt against moral and spiritual servitude. God's

truth had made him and his little band of followers free, and they were free indeed. Long they contended for their religious rights, earnestly they besought the protection and guidance of heaven; God was with them and for them, and in 1816 Richard Allen with 15 others, with the banner of Gospel truth, and the fire of the Holy Ghost on the anvil of right and justice, forged a mechanism in the blacksmith shop in Philadelphia, that has been the beauty and wonder of the century, the depository of the highest virtues that adorn and beautify human character, and the rallying point of thousands of anxious and loyal devotees.

It was this same spirit of Allen thrown over the entire church as a mantle from the skies, that followed Coker in Baltimore, Bassett in Maryland, Boggs in Western Pa., Freeman in Ohio, the immortal Quinn in St. Louis, Cain in S. C., the scholarly Brown in New Orleans, the giant intrepid leader, yea the grand old men of your Methodism, Turner in Georgia Africa, Ward in the Golden Coast of California, Campbell in the mire and marsh of the Mississippi Valley, Townsend in San Domingo, and a host of others whose past victories make to-day your church what it is.

This same spirit made our Bishop Payne one of the foremost educators of the colored people of this country, and I pause here long enough to say that the race that humanity owes to your church a lasting debt of gratitude for the unselfish interest that it has taken in Negro education, establishing colleges and universities and placing men of character, standing and proficiency at the head, in every available spot in this country. This spirit of religious liberty broke out anew in the sixties in a nation's battle for union, and a race's struggle for freedom. It was in those days of darkness and seemingly impenetrable gloom that your churches became forerunners of righteous protestation, your pulpits, platforms of thunderous denominations against the iniquitous system of human slavery. The humble homes of your ministers were converted into stations of the Underground Railroad, and some of the best, sons whose infant heads were sprinkled at your baptismal fonts, rushed into war and baptized and drenched the hills and fields of the Southland with their rich blood.

O what a towering source of inspiration arises out of the dim vistas of the past! What mighty deeds of valor, what heroic efforts what sacrifices, what endurances that may never be known, and can only be studied in glorious results that tell that they have been. Therefore tonight we welcome you in behalf of the fathers, we welcome you for what they did for you, we welcome you because your church comes down to us through the bloody strife of the century, transform-

ing hundreds and thousands into glorious and shining characters. We welcome you because of the present service you are rendering the race, and for the strength and moral example you are contributing now to Christ's triumphant campaign of the world.

You come here tonight dust-stained and scarred, as soldiers who have endured hardships for the ascendency of the Christ idea, to receive your orders to strengthen your ramparts to march perhaps to other fields, to hoist the blood-besmeared banner higher, to double quick, to close up the ranks and take the world for Christ. What your church is doing today is marvellous in the extreme. Truly you are keeping pace with the standard of civilization and you are abreast with all the discoveries and researches that make this age the sublimest of them all. Your church is still hammering out characters and personalities whose lives tell and count for the best in human nature. You are still pleading for the rights and liberties of our people, and your own stalwart irrepressible Presiding Bishop Arnett combining with a pure, untarnished eccleciastician the diplomacy of statesmanship comes in unguarded spot but that he may do or say something that will enhance the interest and better the condition of his race.

Your educational institutions are doing better work than ever before, turning out young men and women who are taking front rank in the busy affairs of the day. And these institutions of learning, the foremost of which is grand old Wilberforce, represent not so much the benevolence of the philanthropist as they do the toils and labors of your own people. Your Missionary and Church Extension Departments are sweeping everywhere. Africa and the Islands of the Sea no longer wait for the gospel tidings for your missionaries, many who indeed sleep in death in foreign lands have long ago carried the message.

Your Episcopacy is pure strong and progressive. In fact you are fulfilling the mission of your formation, in bettering the world, blessing humanity and glorifying God. In keeping step with the harmony of the times we must not forget that the same forces, the same principles that made the church great and powerful in the past are the same to be used in the present and the same to base calculations upon for future usefulness and glory. There are organic laws or conditions of progress that remain intact through all stages of church development and when the church gets away from those fixities either because of the changed spirit of the times or from any other cause liable to effect this constancy, she ceases to be an influence for good and looses her potency in the effective work of salvation.

If the success of your church in the past is attributable to the adherance of the Bible doctrine of justification, regeneration, growth

in grace, a free and full salvation, under the blazing light of this day that gives one a better knowledge of these principles, the constant preaching of the same will make the church even more powerful and formidable in its contest to gain the field. If your Methodism of the past was a burning living System once ruled by a consecrating spirit, surcharged with the fire and power of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and succeeded then, it will outrun itself today if this same spirit animates and vivifies its whole being.

Don't hamper the Methodist Church with ritualism and forms, but keep to the old time simplicity. All else may go before the onward march of mind, but the old-time Methodist hymns, the class-meeting, the prayer-meeting, the love-feast must stay as the unbending pillars of the strength of the peculiar genius of our system. Come back to the old land marks, "stand in the way and seek for the old paths and when you have found them, walk therein." If there is one reason above another why the Methodist Church as a whole have reasons to regret the present decrease of its membership,it can be traced to the fact that they have left the stamping ground of the fathers. Stick to whatever is good in the past, couple it with the efforts of the present, hand it down to the generations following and the future will see a church coming forth as fair as the moon and as terrible as an army with banners.

We welcome you lastly in the possibilities immense and infinite that loom up before you for future activity and success. If, Most Venerable Sir, I am to judge your future by your past and present, if the victories and triumphs that are recorded in your ponderous history are indications of what the coming days shall be, I see not in imagination or in vision, but in fact, a church belting the globe, massive in membership, magnificent in church edifices, vital in power, preeminent in godliness and piety, great in goodness strong in Jehovah's mighty power, a standard for the people, an asylum for the neglected, a church that will turn the course of the ransomed of the Lord that they may come to Zion with songs and everlasting joys upon their heads.

There is yet much land to be possessed. There is still much labor for you and for me. The race whose most opinions and best history is that of its church is yet to occupy higher ground, the passions of men are yet to be subdued and mastered, the world is yet to feel a mighty influence, and your church under the leadership of Bishops Arnett, Turner, Grant, Tyree, Smith, Coppin, Lee, Derrick, and others, is to stretch from pole to pole and as in the 18th century you planted the lever and laid the fulcrum under Allen, in the dawn of the 20th century you must move the world and take it for Christ and his God. I welcome you.

Dollar Money Roll.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, PITTSBURG, J. W. Gazaway, Pastor—The following paid two dollars: Catharine Reed, Wm. H. Jones, C. A. Simms.

The followiug persons paid one dollar and fifty cents. Charles Griffiney, J. Bergeron, James Cain.

The following persons paid one dollar: Nellie Griffiney, Annie F. Beasley, J. W. Gazaway, Mrs. J. L. Gazaway, Miss M. J. Gazaway, Josephine Baltimore, Mary Dixon, James Ellsbury, Joseph Evans Gertie Vancliff, Jacob Wisher, Susan Wisher, Harriet Googins, J. A. Hopkins Elizabeth Hunter, P. W. Douse, Susan Turner, Alice Hopkins, H. Chim, Martha Clark, Reason Snowden, I. J. Hall, E. M. Henderson, Mary Ditcher, Louisa Gould, Carrie Ball, Virginia Proctor, Miss Jennie Proctor, Carrie Powell, Lulu Eats, Charles Long, George B. Knox, Samuel Golden, Moses Ditcher, Eliza Raymer, Rosa Catlin, Fannie Harrison, Hannah Carter, B. F. Kreamer, J. E. Thompson, Robert Tocus, Elizabeth Hawkins, Thomas R. Roach, Mary R. Roach, Maggie Douse, S. R. McClain, P. W. Robinson, Winfield Southard, Elizabeth Taylor, Hannah Clarkson, David Gordon, Vincent Stokes, Rachel Stokes, Wade Martin, Geo. W. Chaplin Mary V Brady, Dr. Robert Brady, Rob't Hall, Elizabeth Shields, Lydia Cain, Mary E. Fields, Sarah E. Moppin. Lucy Bedford, Sterling Austin, A. M. Burris, Blanch Woodson, Susan Highgate, Joseph Highgate, A. I. Billows, Rebecca Aldridge, Annie Manks Thomas Spriggs, Lottie Mellontree, James Powell, Thomas Ewell, Robert Jackson, Margaret Stanton, Sarah Halliburton, Mattie Jones, Caroline Wiley, John Mellontree, Ella Chaplin, Francis Highgate, David Meritt, Emma Arter, Fannie Gracie, P. Offer, John Edwards, Joseph Jutters, Sister Jutters, J. Bergeron, J. T. Gilbert, Ida Lee, Isadore Thompson, Edith Newman, Mallin Sutton Samuel Sutton, W. T. Myers, Caroline Robinson, John Short, Willis Austin, Charlotte Austin, Mattie Robinson, Martha B.

Ramey, Susie Manks, W. P. Carter, Mrs. George Little, Margaret Googins, Chas. W. Chappell, W. H. Rodgers, Josephine Gatewood, Mary F. Southard, Elizabeth Washington, William Stanton Jr., Ceney Coleman, Birdie Gordon, Joseph Stanton, Lucy Woodson, Amanda Palmer, J. C. Hardy, Nannie Hardy, Florence Billows, J. H Johnson, C. S. Miller, Lucy Dunmore, Mary Garner, Rachel Jones, Marilla Hutchinson, Dr. Wm. Coe, Mrs. David James, David James, Sarah J. Palmer, Annie M. Thomas Gatewood, A. B. Thompson, Emma Thompson, Thomas Monroe, Bessie Monroe, Amel Manly, Mary Manks, Margaret Baccus, Henry Wells, Willis R. Owens, Jerry Higate, Phil Ballon, Mariah Johnson, Katie E. Wright, Mary J. Lewis, Lemuel Googins, Henry Kinnear, Sadie Campbell, Serma Dorsey, Mrs. George McDaniels, George McDaniels, J. H. Bacchus, J. W. Howard, Wm. Coates, Mrs. Wm. Coates, Annie Bailey, Prudy Coleman, Mrs. John Palmer, Fannie A. Pindell, Clayton Ragam, Mary Burns, Wm. Mason, John Johnson, Cora Branch, Caroline Jackson, D. H. Barnett, Carrie Barnett, G. W. Green, Cora V. Washington, Josephine Washington, Josephine C. Lewis, Ellen Cain, V. W. Beckett, Mrs. V. Beckett, Howard Woodson, R. R. Thompson, Lulu Randals W. T. Barks, Lucy Washington, Benjamin Lewis, Augusta Williams, Mamie Dammond, Charles C. Jones, Nanie Carter, Lizzie Jackson, Lizzie Singleton, B. J. M., Annie Lee, Cornelia Jackson, Sarah Askins, Martha Wells, Samuel R. Roach, Mary Molie, Morten Peck Edward Johnson, A. M. Benton, Lion Lee George Egland, Virginia Allen, N. W. Tribue, Jennie Kinnane, P. E. Lucas, Robert Jackson, James Thomas, D J. Dinguid, Lizzie S. Gibson, Priscilla Blackwell, Henry Blackwell, N. J. Miles.

The following named persons paid fifty cents: Laura Douse, T. Smith, Margaret Jones, Mary Johnson, Mary E. Marshall, Annie Matthews, James P. James, P. Jones, Anita Chappelle, Cornelia Scott, Mary J. Lewis, Sarah E. Saunders, Maggie Jobs, Louisa Lacy, Kittie Derry, Lucella Fox, Ellen Davis, Henry Myers, Mrs. Henry Myers, Lavenia Ball, Annie Whiting, Mary Murray, Mrs. Wm. Manley.

The following paid twenty-five cents: Mother Simmons, Ethel McDaniels, O. W. McDaniels, Ira McDaniels, Julia Merritt. Cash, 48 cents. Total amount paid, $245.48.

EUCLID AVENUE, EAST END PITTSBURG, Rev. J. W. Jeffries, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00 each: Edward Scott, Ellen Jackson Terry Martin, Robert Wheeler, Arminta Robinson, Elizabeth Everetts, Samuel Branson, Ellen Battles, Charley

ashington, Jeola Childess, Roy Wheeler, Hattie Solmon, Josephine tience, Maggie Fields, Moses Young, Lillian Green, Helen Brown, Ida Paul, Rosa Beneman, Charly Bullit, Nancy Allen, D. M. Blair, Leola Blair, Teresa Brown, A. C. Lethridge Lucy Buckner, Hannah Johnson, Harriet Deems, Carolina Fields, Elizabeth Spurlock, Mary Childess, Essie Bronson, Edward C. Coleman, Bessie Gibson, Bessie Gibson, Bettie Hickersen, Hannah A. Johnson, W. A. Brooks Alexander Kelly, Emma Williams, Ida M. Artis, Tillie Graham, D. L. Armstrong, J. A. Freeman, Anthony Christy, Emma Sheron, Viola Johnson, Ida Carter, Amanda Branson Louise Plummer, Bettie Hunter, Sophy Troly, Lizzie Troly, William Thompson, Mary Crumpton, Millie Nelson, Florence Hardin, Harriet Deems, Georgania Goins, Josephine Ashfield, Sadie Duigerid, J. S. Hamlin, Lewis Scott, Louise Scott, Joseph Anderson, Robert Paul Samuel Goins, Bettie J. Hunter, Henry Booth, Mary Booth, William Kelly, Elizabeth Deems, Julian Hunter, Lucilla Lewis, William Lewis, Henrietta Gray, Emma Blanchard, Eugene Brown, Lilly Barkes, J. A. Hunt, Martha Martiner, D. M. Beneman, M. S. Merideth, Laura J. Merideth, J. W. Harkins, J. C. Dews, Hattie Pernelle, Sarah Coy, Alice Singleton, Addie Jones, Mary Grinage, Ida Richardson, Hester Williams, Mary E. Thomas, Mary Addison, Sadie Goins, Rosa A. Ball, Effie Strawbridge. Alice Wolf, Eliza Goldwire, U. S. Justice, Francis Justice, Mary Green, Ella Thompson, Mary J. Knox, Julia Dickson, Augustus Johnson, Abraham Easley George Bailey, Ellen Brown, Fred Doughterty, Annie Doughterty, James H. Graves, Katie Graves, George T. Bullitt, Carrie Webster, Early Strother, C. E. Payne, Georgie E. Payne.

The following persons paid 75 cents: Flora Addison, Eugene Newman, Annie Barkes.

Following persons paid 50 cents: Bessie Hunter, Alex Saunders, Sarah Harwell, Mary Tobias, Miria Houck, John Pinkard, Harry Jackson, Fanny Jackson, George Sherow, Louise Foy, A. E. Jeffries, Walter Stephens, Louise Saunders Annie L. Butler.

The following persons paid 25 cents: Annie Palmer, Gertrude Duguid, R. H. Miller, Dallas Carter. Total dollar money $131.70.

WILLIAMSPORT, D. E. Johnson, Pastor.—John H. White, $1.25. The following named paid $1.00 each: Berkley Blue, Louisa Blue, Belle Blue, Willis Branson, Hannah Green, John Gross, Anna M. White, Charles I. White, M. S. Russell, Victoria Branson, Alonza Watson, Ella Mattaur, Perry Summers Randall Allison, Jobe Jones, Mary C. Willis, John W. Fairfax, Jr., J. H. Willis, Sarah A. White, Elizabeth Hutchins, Annie Jones, John Fairfax, Sr., Elizabeth

O'Brien Susan Kennedy, Mary A. Wagoner, Lewis H. Cuff, Isaiah White, Annie M. White Henry Newman, Angie E. Burse, Maggie Alexander, E. Y. Alexander, E. J. Newman, Annie M. Fairfax, Hattie C. Hall, Jerry Harris, John A. Brooks, Rebecca Barber, Ira O'Brien, Annie T. Goins, Harriet Hagan, Hannah Russell, Lizzie Poindexter, Sadie Jackson, David Blue, Charlotte Blue, Mary E. Stevenson, Thomas Gross, Sadie K. Stokes, and Mary E. Emory.

The following paid 50 cents each: Ruethela Robinson, Emma Allison, Charlotte Dickens, Lizzie Bisan, Mary Cross, Cora A. Bryan, Sarah Conrad, Emma Allison, Ollie I. Allison, Charlotte Jones, Charlotte M. Harris, Maggie Parker.

The following paid 25 cents each: William M. Fairfax Ella M. Fairfax, John H. Bryan, Mary C. V. Bryan, Martha Goins, Jennie Wilson. Total $59.00.

WILKESBARRE J. H. Grant Pastor.—The following named persons paid $1.00: John Logan, Samuel Norman, Samuel Patterson A. Ederson, Jacob Cumpton, Cornelius Pegram, Levi Brown, Adline Wycoff, Henry Miller Thomas M. Griffin, George Young, Mamie Griffen, Mary H. Brown, Fannie Banks, Milisa Powell, Catherine Norman. Lizzie White, Elna Williams Susie Young, Bertha Patterson, Alice Logan, Eugene Walker, Alice Morris, Ellen Brown, Lettie Brown, Angiline Welcome, Emma Burgies, Rosa Brown, John Branch, Emma Thompson, Hartville Miller, Mary Miller, Hattie Smith, Thaddeus Smith, Eliza Rollins, Sharpless G. Curry, Anthony Richardson, John Williams, Mary Jane Smith, Tena Johnson, Catherine Nelson, Martha Rasper, Margret Sharkey, Persilla Kinslow, Mamie Dennis Henry Wellington, John S. Williams, Elizabeth French, Lucy Mason Frank Adams. Mrs. M. C. Robinson, Edward Anderson, John W. Ramsey, Mary Tatom, William Behannon, Thomas Wynder, Mrs. Rufus Howard, Jemima Wallace, Lucy Chields, Emma Tyla, Edward Brown, Jr., Benjamin Arnett Grant, Rosa Branch Alice Logan, Jr., Madenlina Tolbert, Jamie Care, Emanuel Walker; Charles Wycoff.

The following named persons paid 50 cents: William H. Tolbert, Mr. Fenwick, Eddie Rasper, William Tolbert Jr. May Tolbert, Josie Rasper, Irene Hazen, Mrs. V. Richardson, 60 cents. Total $80.00.

SCRANTON.—The following persons paid $1.00 each: G. W. Brown, C. Scott, Marshal Tinker, Sarah Walker, Annie Lee, L. E. Morton, Birt Lee, Carry Jackson Festus Crump, John Dorsey, A. Porter, Jennette Porter, J. Foster, Edward Jackson, Edward Nelson, J. Logan, D. B. Dorsey, M. B. Howard, W. K. Harris, Charles

Smith, Charlotte Scott, Sarah J. Morton, H. E. Caldwell, Minnie Howard, Mary Tinker, Mariah Harris, Sister J. H. Bell, Laura Slocum.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Amy Brown, Fannie Foster, J. W. Crampton, J. A. Walker, Lon Dorsey, Lon Smith, Simon Plater, Hattie Howard, Elnora Lain, Sister Edward Nelson.

The following persons paid 25 cents each: Mary Burgett, Brother Burgett, Thurlow Brown. Total $33.75.

BELLEFONTE, C. W. Woodson, Pastor—The following persons paid one dollar each: John Thomas, Alfred Stewart, Edward Overton, Florence Overton, Lucy Stewart, Sallie Mosey, Thomas Taylor, Della Woodson, Margaret Powell, Annie Brown, James Jackson, Celia Mills, William Jackson; Lvenia Williams, Mary Pendleton, Katie Green, Francis Boston, Katie Jackson, William Mills, Benjamin Williams, Henry Williams, George Brown, Adaline Lawson, Wettie Carter, Martha Miller, Ellen Thomas, Celia Taylor, Maggie Valentine, Emma Green, Clara Williams, Georgetta Woodson, Tamazine McDonald, Peter Jones, Lawrence Williams, Mary Miller, Lizzie Stewart, James Miller, Beckie Delige, Mamie Green, Cristina Delige, Lewis Mills, Celia Williams, Caroline Monroe, Annie Miller, Olive Small, Maria Green, Thomas Pendleton, J. Carter.

The following persons paid 75 cents each: Matilda Dorsey.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Florence Jackson, Celia Williams, Wilhemina Woodson; Rebecca Jackson, Emma Overton, Louisa Williams, Mary Mills, Sena Thomas, Rachel Thomas, Martha Overton, Henry Thomas, Harvey Stewart, Sadie Carter, Tamazine Pendleton, Annie Foreman, Ollie Harding.

The following persons paid 25 cents each: Leah Woodson; Mary Stewast; William Woodson, Wayman Woodson.

BRADDOCK, W. A. Young, Pastor—The following persons paid one dollar each: Jennie Puller, Jefferson Perkins, T. K. Thompson, George Laney, Edward Laney, Barbara Laney, Georgia Dillon, Wm. Yarborough, Ida Lee, Mary Yates, Kenny Peyton, Alice Mitchell, Lucy Fletcher, Martha Carey, Vena Taylor, Paulina Pogue, George W. Walker, Lucy Walker, Lewis Ulens, A. D. Leech, Benjamin Puller, Nancy Hobson, W. H. Washington, R. H. Wells, Ada Wells, Mary A. Jackson, Indiana Darvin, A. T. Ferguson, Amanda Fletcher, Annie Jackson, Alice Bunch, W. W. Jackson, A. Darvin, Mrs. W. H. Washington, Henry Hobson, Mary Overall, Richard Irvin, Nellie Ferguson, Ruth Harris, Thomas Barlow, W. T. Young, Jacob Rideout, Sallie Bell, Sadie Jackson, Walter Davis, Henry Jones, Mary Jane Edwards, Annie Truman.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Blanch Laney, Cartie Baker; Clifton Gruber, Mrs. J. Gruber, Anna Bell Eskridge, Laura Hutchison, Lilly M. Saunders.

The following persons paid 25 cents each: Grace Mitchell, Eva Fraction, Birdie Jackson. Total $53.75.

NEW HAVEN; T. A. Green, Pastor—Mother Barker, Lizzie Jones, J. H. Thomas, Jacob Jeff, James Buchanon, Nicholas Scott, Esau Gardener, Charles Asbury, Mary Lewis, Annie Buchanon, Burrell Mills, Charles Brown, Annie Harris Sarah Taylor, Jennie Barker, William Coleman, Newman Merilla, Lavinia Coleman, Jennie Banford, Benjamin Jones, Nettie McNeal, Elizabeth Ross, Lina Strughter, Sidney Washington, Jeanette Keeth, Annie Wars, Louis Knox, Leanie Mills, Sandy McNeal, Hattie Wallace, Mollie Asbury, Daisy Jackson, Callie Brown, Louisa Mills. Alsia Gardener, 90c.; Elizabeth Jones, Hattie Wil iams, 50c.; Eliza Caliham, 40c.

ALTOONA A. J. West, Pastor—The following persons paid one dollar: Maggie Paul, William Smith, Sibbern Worley, Eliza Shorter, Annie Stanton, George Whiting, Lemuel Thompson; William Holmes, Flora Nesbit, Ellen Posey, Errant Powl Sarah Lewis, D.C. Johnson, Nancy Powel, David Paul, George Dangerfield, in honor of Lillie Dangerfield, deceased, Mary E. White, Maggie Whiting, Frederic Harris.

The following persons paid fifty cents each: Lucy Desson, Lucy Cortney.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Sophronia Burs, Martha Johnson. Total $20.50.

TYRONE PA., A. Smothers, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Emily Johnson, Susan Crampton, Lizzie Thomas, Mamie Smothers, B. Crampton, Tuesa Robinson, Elema Jones, G. W. Slaughters Robinson, G. W. Bryant, Thomas Brown, C. H. Montier, John S. Murrello, Charles Slaughter, A. P. Lancaster, Susan Lancaster.

The following paid smaller amounts: M. P. Tolliver, 75c; Francis Tolliver, 50c.; Henry Murrells, 40c,; Jane Slaughter, 50c.; C. Jones, 25c.; Eliza A. Williams, 50.; Mary M. Lancaster, 25c.; Goldy Jones, 12c.; Wm. Willis, Anabel Willis, John Thomas, Lewis Thomas, 25c. Total $20.27.

PHILLIPSBURG, J. M. Wilkes, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Elijah Ashley, Lewis Chase, Ellen Jordan.

The following paid fifty cents: Lemuel Jackson, Seldon Pollard, Elizabeth Puley, Mary Rideout, Cynthia Freeman, Emma Moore John Alexander, Fred Craig.

The following paid twenty-five cents: Eliza Carter, Kate Jackson, James Freeman, Annie Roy, George Carter, Frank Chase, Wilson Jordan, Naomi Brown. Total, $9.00.

CURRENSVILLE, J. W. Wilkes, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Ella Johnson, Harriet Taylor, Bell Cochran, Hunter Brock, Moses Watson, Emma Watson.

The following paid fifty cents: Harriet Whiten, Edward Bartley, J. C. Carlo, Essie Lewis, Mary Hartshorn. Annie Bell Carl, Susan Carl.

The following paid twenty-five cents: Minnie Jones, Maggie Nelson, Isaac Taylor, Emma Nelson, Charles Rideout, Orie Jones, Mrs. John Artleny, Annie Jones. Total $11.50.

GREENSBURG, M. S. Jones, Pastor.—The following named persons paid $1.00: Emma Stokes Charles Stokes, Jacob White, Nannie Beasley, Clara Dixon Emma Hackney, Catherine Luptan, Eliza C. Jones, Mary Stokes Emily Morris, Virginia White, 75 cents. Persons who paid 50 cents: Lucy Stokes, Charles Stokes, Jr., David Stokes. Persons who paid 25 cents each: Amie Stokes, Daniel A. Jones. Persons who paid 15 cents each: Elder Stokes, Frank Stokes, Gussie Stokes Boyd Stokes, Harry Stokes. Persons who paid 10 cents each: Raymond Hackney, Nellie Hackney. Total $15.72.

BEDFORD CIRCUIT, O. T. Davis, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Preston Steward, Cyrus Young, Rebecca Thomas, 50c.

EVERETT, PA—The following paid one dollar: Hiram Watkins, Mary Dillon, Nancy Watkins.

The following paid fifty cents: James Marshall, Thomas Graves, Sarah Graves, Florence Marshall. Paid 25 cents: Lizzie Davis, Jessie Davis. Totol, $6.00.

MILTON, Daniel Newsom, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: George Hector. Paid 50 cents: Mary Marshall, William Marshall. Total $2.00.

MUNCY, Daniel Newsom, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: Daniel Newson. Paid 50 cents: Vengella Newsom. Collection 50 cents.

DANVILLE, Daniel Newsom, Pastor.—The following named persons paid $1.00: Elizabeth Baley, Mary A. Jordan, Nellie Jordan, A. J. Banks, Abraham Jones, Miss Wilbia Newsom, 50 cents. Total $5.50.

BLOOMSBURG CIRCUIT, Daniel Newsom, pastor.—The following named persons paid $1.00: Anna Soules, Arlinne Newsom, S. Alexander, 25 cents, A. Friend, 25 cents. Total $2.50.

MONTROSE, Charles Garner, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: G. L. Battle, P. P. Norris, Jane Norris, Delilah Ball, Jane Wilson.

WAVERLY, Charles Garner, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Susan Sampson, Cordelia Lee, G. Johnson, Richard Norris, Catharine Bradley; Sarah E. Lee, E. G. Tillman.

WEST PITTSTON, Charles Garner, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Julia M. Garner, Lizzie Moore, Charles Wheeler, Elsie Miller, Susie McClain.

LOCK HAVEN CIRCUIT, John W. Riley pastor—The following paid one dollar: John Roberts, Eliza Roberts, Clara V. Butler, Anna Molson, Eliza Crab; Elmer Burgess, Lydia Carter. Paid fifty cents: James Tylor, Josephine Tylor, Peter Brown,

DUQUESNE, H. J. Williams, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: C. Duckett, H. Weaver, Mary Weaver.

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

BROWN CHAPEL, ALLEHENY, PA., R.H. Morris, Pastor.—The following named persons paid one dollar each :

Alexander Berry, Wm. H. Smith, Robert Johnson, Anna Johnson, Andrew Black, Lewis Queen, William Mitchell, Rachel Georga Sarah Fields, Sarah Jackson, John M. Lacey, Lewis H. Nimmey, Anny Yancey, Catharine Palmer, Sarah Hurrington, Louisa Snyder, Sarah Catlin, Mary Etta Robinson, Nathan Peters, John B. Anthony, Mary Anthony, Thomas M. Moore, Ellen Matthews, Joseph Jenkins, Nancy Ransom, Mary Napper, Lydia W. Jones, Estella Myers, Wm. S. Smith, Ester Mitchell, Hannah Reinbottom, Eliza J. Johnson, Belle Irwin, Hettie Smith, Sarah Hensey, Lillie Jones, Mary Burrells, Lizzie Moore, Sarah Sterling Mother Robison, Susan Caswell, Augusta Ward, Agnes Sluby, Emma Moore, Grant Barbour, Nelson Jackson, Andrew Wayland, Sr.. Ella Louden, J. T. Dorkias, C. H. Robinson, Anna Lewis, Mason Washington, Eliza Buck, Robt. L. Jordan, Emanuel Fields, Maggie A. Morris, Elizabeth Blackwell, W. H. Barrium, Marry A. Barrium, Mary Henderson Maudie Jones,, Richard Hunter, Ruth Jones, Elizabeth Wilson, David Craig, Anna R. Bushrod, George Wilson, Henry Buck, Hyrum Myers, Sarah

Dixon, Susan Johnson, (No. 1), Cora Stafford, George W. Cook, Jane N. Brown, Louisa Henderson, Charles Slofer, Cora Higgins, Benjamin Vaughn, Eliza Lane, Rebecca M. Morris, Ellen Queen, Anna Gates Maggie M. Johnson, Emma Holland, Henrietta Jones, J. A. Wilson, Isreal Kelly, James H. Page, Sarah Leswich, Nanna Banks, Mary Johnson, Maggie M. Jenkins, Josephine Jordan, Louisa Anthony, Amanda Brown, Silas Christian, Anna B. Christian, David R. Lee, Louisa Washing, Chas. R.A. Moore Mary E Smith. Mary J. Barbour, Reuben Johnson, Ellen Patterson, Ruth Green, Pricilla Cruntleton, Alvester Thornton, Mary Wayland, Fannie Brightwell, Harriet Cole, Mary L. Henderson, Sister Auston, W. H. Frazier, Fannie Frazier, Jennie Page, Martha Washington, Mary Beal, Lucy Watson, Susan Duffin, Joseph C. Mott Nathan Brightwell Ruth Arter, Joseph K. Cumkleton, Mamie Tankard, Jennie Sawyer, Mamie Harper, Lillian S. Dorkins, Rev. S. Burrell Charles Steward, Lewis, E. Harper, Mariah Cook, Murry Timpson, Izetta Jefferson Bessie Harrison, Ella Cook, Martha Johnson, Samuel M. Lewis, Lizzie Jones, John Harps, Mattie W. Fields, Mary Ewell Charles C. Butler Centenial Kelly, Hettie Pier, L. V. Howard, Laura Lee, Frances Robison Eliza Denney, Sarah Stanton, Jessie Scott, Mame Fraizer, Ella Fields, Jacob Henderson, Susan Boards, E. J. Cox, John W. Dewis George Crunkleton, Hannah King, Lucy Austin, Charles A Pool.

The following persons paid 50 cents: Lenora Brooks, Rosie Berry, Daniel Prior; O. W. Flenn, Ellenora Fairfax, Mrs. John Swaney, Elizabeth Mott, Louisa Sawyer, Fannie Zimmerman, Josephine Cook, Angeline Myers Mary F. Lewis Lillie Washington, Mary Morrison, Emma Meridith, Mabel Skinner, Mary Sloper, Frances Wayland, Sarah J. Lee, Carrie Crunkleton, C. J. Cook, Margaret Wiley, Lillie D. Moore, Ellen E. Wines Maggie Wilson, Jacob B. Long, Josephine Cook, Jr., Mary E. Roberts, Eva Aster, J. E. Aster Jacob B. Long, Nana Wayland, Ida Riley, Mrs. Henry Smith Willie Jackson, 25 cents, Jane Gross, Jane Adams, John Joplin, Nettie Joplin, Edna Cook. Total $180.

CHARTIERS STREET, ALLEGHENY, B. H. Lee, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00: William Price, Joshua Frazer, William Robinson, Mary Price, Rosie Burgee, William Luckett, Shippie Cox, Elizabeth Dorsey, Thomas Williams, Daniel Dorsey, Mary Williams, Rosie Scott, Sister Peterson, Emily Washington, William Minor, Sister Winters, Mary Rigby, Becky Williams, Martha Woodyard, J. L. Jackson, Dudley Marshal, Lidy Marshal, Martha Delany, Henry Boyd, Alice Boyd, Martha Douglass, George Martin, Sister M. A. Wilson, James Sliffer, M. J. Snowden, Sister L. Rob-

inson, R. B. Allen, Sister R. B. Allen, Elizabeth, Rictor, Cora Rictor, Florence Brown, Paul Spencer, Sister Spencer, Mary L. Diggs, Martha Green, Sarah Green, William S. Bryant Rebecca Sliffer, Millie Brown, Harriet Richards Ephram Morris. Lizzie Morris, Sister Biggist, F. Biggist, George W. Stevenson Martha Lewis, John Grass, Sister A. Watson, Sister B. Mason, Martha Diggs, Sister Fry, Willie Nelson, Charles Titus Sister G. W. Stevenson, J. E. Lucas, Ella Taylor, Samuel Taylor. Mrs. N. Galaway, Sister Greenlief, Sister N. Dexter, Sister Fields. Martha Diggs, Charley Jenkins, Sister Titus, Sister C. Richards, Sister J. Grass, Joseph Stokes. 75 cents. Persons who paid 50 cents: Julia Riggerby, Sister Stokes, Girtie Boyd, A. P. Sampson Sister Rachel Dorsey, Charley Hill, Sister Cartneel Catherine Roberts, Jennie Washington, Columbus Carter, Mary Buckhannon, William Scott, Mr. Scott, Mrs. J. W. Luffett. Total $78.75.

SOUTH SIDE, PITTSBURG T. J Askew, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00 each: Irene J. Askew, Estella West, Nancy Turner, William Gazaway, Mrs. I. J. Dixon, Emma Foster, Louisa Bowles. Gideon Ware, Jennie Smith, Caroline Costler, Charles Simpson, Lucy Simpson, Minerva Waters, John Henderson, Mateldia Henderson, Fannie Williams, Rosanna Shepperson, Shem Bowles, Amelia Brown Joseph Archer, James Brown, George Goodman, Monroe Smith, Margret Favor, John O. West Francis Jennings, Thomas Henderson Charlotte Henderson Susan Smith Nannie Farrett, Julia Turner Mary Nelson, Isaiah Jackson, Ada Johnston, Thomas Nelson, Lucy Sheton, Marhelda Harris, Estella Leftrige, T. J. McDowell, Mary McDowell.

The following persons paid 50 cents each: Lulu Tanner, F. Isabel Askew, Katie Manuel David Williams, Mamie West, Nora Gazaway, Flora Favor, Catherine West, L. P. Archer, Mamie Williams, 25 cents, Annie Wave 25 cents, Margerett Jackson, 25 cents. Total $44.75.

NEW BRIGHTON, H. A. Grant, pastor – The following paid one dollar: Calvin Piper, James Bruien, Robert Johnson, Martin Wells, Mrs. H. A. Grant and son William R. A. Grant, $1.25, Anna Webb, Lydia Jordan, I. C. Swan, Joseph Johnson, Amanda Wells David L. Wilson, Amelia Jackson, Harriet Smith, May Smith. Edward Williams, Lewis Costley, Ellen Costley, Arthur Cross, David Cross, James Cross Eliza Cross, Romaine Leland, Viola Caliman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose, Ida E. Woodson, Lydia Early Isabella Penny, Alvina Stewart, John Bruien, Rachel Williams Georgia Webb, Charles A. Webster, James M. Webster, Elizabeth Webster,

Charlotte Bruien, Alfred Jackson, Louisa Jackson, Eva Porter, Mary G. Jackson, Anthony Logan, Franklin D. Webster, Julia E. Webster, Robert Brown, Emma Sands, Celia Jackson, Elizabeth Dawson, Walter Pack, Mary J. Logan, Anna Sanders, S. L. Kisner, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Richard Smith, Maggie Washington, Don Leland. Total $55.

The following paid fifty cents: Ida Jackson, Della Caliman, Laura Caliman, Frank Stewart, Lizzie Webster, Harry Webster, Betsey M. Jackson, William Porter, Elizabeth Brown, Margaret B. Webster, Mary Sims, Henrietta Davis, James Bolding, Isaiah Logan, Jessie Early, Eldridge M. Harding, Mary S. Harding, Irene Tee, Roberta Jackson, Benny Matthews. Total $10.

The following paid 25 cents each: Francis Caliman, Samuel Caliman, Vernie Johnson. Total, $1.00.

Miss Mary G. Jackson paid 75 cents last year and was credited with only 50 cents.

OIL CITY, P. A Scott, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Annie Brown, Cornelia D. Scott, Peter Bryan, Lucinda Bryan, Charles Simons, Susan Simons, Ruth Hopkins, Martha M. Walker, Hannah Mann, Robert H, Mann, S. T. Lucas, Andrew Bolden, Alice Bolden, Tempy Gray, Major Franklin, Lydia Franklin, Jerry Williams, Lev Newsom, Richard Hopkins, Sarah Jenkins, Lyda Carroll, Julia Carroll, Wesley Paul, Rose Paul, Edna Paul Bell, Susan Milton, William C. Milton, Cora H. Orbison, William Jenkins, Robert Stewart, Frank Thompson, Amy Brice, Carrie Peterson, Noble Johnson, Elizabeth Ashby, Jennie Jackson, R. H. Gray, Gertrude Hill, Emma Hayes, Jessie Barrett, John P. Murphy, F. J. Orbison, Charles E. Nesbett, Nettie Thompson, Fred Jenkins, Chas. B Ashby, Willie Franklin, Ralph Wilson, Devoe Bassett, Moses Organ, Sarah Johnson, John Jackson, Emma J. Hill.

Belle Jackson and Harrison Moore paid 75 cents each.

The following paid fifty cents each: Clara Maude Scott, Mrs. Williams, Isaac J Mann, Susan Anderson, Helen Franklin, Margaret Moore, Tempy Gray, Jr., Augustus Hill, Wm. F. Moore, Henry Vaughn, Francis Bridgets, Frank Bell, Della Jackson, Martha Rankin, Martha Stewart, Charles Jackson.

Mildred Bell, Sadie Jenkins and Clyde Jenkins paid 15 cents each and Wesley Paul Bell paid 10 cents. Total $63.05.

ELIZABETH, W. H. Brown, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Parthena D. Caddock, Margaret Norris, Amanda Holmes, Mary House, John Holmes, Hester Harrison, Jane Martin, Hannah Davison, S. L. Pangburn, F. D. House, A. W. Scott, D. B. Scott,

Lilly Saunders, Lizzie Ody, Harrison Berry, Annie McFarland, Hiram J. Walker, Josephine Walker, T. J. Davison, Annie Pangburn, Luke Davison, Fred Catlin, Mary Redman, J. H. Pangburn, John Pangburn, J. W. Batch, A. J. Batch, Olie Carter. Fannie Simmons paid 75 cents.

The following paid fifty cents: Amos Martin, Catharine Martin, Armada Simmons, Washington Simmons, Harriet Saunders, Maria Bryans, Lizzie Scott, Rebecca Pangburn, Workman Simmons, Emma Davidson. May Bach paid 30 cents.

The following paid 25 cents: Ruth Davison, Smith Martin, Harry Batch, Vaughan Simmons, Robert Pangburn, Nancy Pangburn, Thomas J. Davison, Jr., 15c., Hannah Davison, Jr., 10c., Tillie Redman, 10c. Total, $34.15.

MONONGAHELA CITY, R. H. Bumry, pastor.—The following paid one dollar: R. H. Smith, R. S. Oliver, Jane Massette, James Wright, Effie Wright, Scott Spencer, Ida Smith, Edward Pitts, M. Levada Carter, J. J. Jones, Elizabeth Randolph, Annie E. Jones, Mollie B. Jones, Etta Spencer, Leanna Steele, Rachel Kemper, Richard Kemper, James Minnie, Sarah Carter, Jane Minnie, Henre Claburn, Daisy Randolph, John Turner, Elizabeth Wheeler, J. W. Wright, John Lewis, M. J. Simmons, Rev. W. H. Palmer, Archy Steele, Alfred Long, Moses Jones, Sarah Long, Myrtle Kemper, Fred Randolph, 75c.

The following paid fifty cents: Eliza Daugherty, Mary Taylor, L. J. Brooks, Annie Wheeler, Birdie Long, Gertrude Pitts, Sarah Brice. M. Montgomery, 30 cents.

The following paid 25 cents: Mahala Claburn, Brinton Jones, Odessa Jones. Total $38.25.

TITUSVILLE, I. B. Till, Pastor.—The following named persons paid $1.00: Sarah Samuels, Charles Samuels, Jane Neal, Annie Jackson, James Jordan, Ellen Ross, Catherine Hecter, John Clark, Julia Clark, David Branicks, Frank Rakes, Georgia Jones, William Neal, Francis Johnson, Emeline Hawkins, Annie White, William Hecter, John Neal, John Kenney, Henry Gregory, Albert Clark, Cassey Clark, Annie Jordan, David Ross, Henry Gaton, Ruth Newman. The following named persons paid 50 cents each: Hattie Rowlin, Elias Degroffe, Elizabeth Degroffe, John Clark, Charlotte Clark, Isaac Thomas, Levina Hartshorn, May Hartshorn, Margarett Brown, James Rowlins, George Rowlins, Jennie Rowlins, Earle Rowlins, Laura Rowlins, 75 cents. Total $35.25.

FRANKLIN, H. G. Thomas, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00: Amanda Scott, Plummer Henderson, Seth Stevens,

Mariah Woodie, Nancy Recter, Merit Graves, Nannie Stevens, Lucinda Stevens, Katie Milton, W. J. Jones, Abraham Brown, Mary Fields, Mrs. Oby, Emma Jackson, Susie Nesbit, Douglas Fields, Angeline Henderson, Eva M. Carter, Mary S. Allen, Mary J. Harding, C. W. Henderson, Charlotte Hobert, Maggie Patterson, Emanuel Patterson, Rosa A. Carter, Thomas Minor, J. Simon Lawson, Roda A. Lawson, H. G. Lawson, Lizzie Jackson, Charles Fields, J. H. Belamy, Marshal McClenan, Nancy Nesbit, Catherine Thomas, Lelia Jones, S. A. Smith, Aba Lawson, H. B. Dixon. The following persons paid 50 cents: Mary Murphy, Presilla Conner, Joel Conner, Josephine Patterson, Irene Rhinehart, Edith Jackson, Jennie Wells, Edward Henderson, Mary Burgess, Crissie Carter Mary Carter. The following paid 25 cents: Tillie Belamy, Henrietta Simms, Nancy Henderson, Virginia Carter. Total $45.25.

MEADVILLE, Rev. J. W. Brown, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00: Cora C. Brown, Rachel A. Jones, Priscilla J. Hill, Hattie Pratt, Alice Gillespia, S. E. Chinn, L. J. Denny, Clara Miller Mary A. Henderson, Elsie Bonney, Emma Jackson, Julia Gardner, Cora I. Kerr, M. Bertha Pratt, C. M. Gillespie, Isaiah Jackson, Charles Allen, David Lee, Samuel Green, W. J. Scott, Helen Gardner, E. H. Allen, Samuel Miller, J. D. Wars. The following paid 50 cents: Samuel Pratt, Elizabeth Penman, Josephine Allen, Bessie Rerr, Frank Howard, Jane Howard, Lydia Howard, Cora Howard, 25 cents. Total $27.75.

McKEESPORT, Charles N. Butts, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: Grace Enty, Emma Mackrell, Elizabeth Pryor, Clara Dairy, Morton Taylor, Andrew Scott, Mary Washington, Joseph Dorsey, Martha Morton, Anna Dorsey, Adam Golden, Sadie Lynch, Amanda Doliman, E. J. Pride, Elizabeth Dunson. The following paid 50 cents: Delia Miles, Sadie Obanyon, William Obanyon, Mary Williams, Arie Butts, Estella Thompson, Virginia Bullett, Sallie Smith, Charles Enty, Lagonia Christian, Lavina Enty, Sheridae Hanger, M. M. Hanger, Grace Butts, Agnes Butts, May West, 25 cents. Total $22.25.

CHARLEROI, S. P. West, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00 each: Spotwood Strothers, John Richardson, Daniel Ferguson, John Reed, William C. Smith, John Webster, Moses Robinson, Henry Smith, Rosa Strothers, Frances Richardson, Maggie Ferguson, Nancy Leed, Lydia Flood, Sarah Webster, Jennie Monzer, A. M. Morris, Nancy Burrell. The following paid 50 cents: Lydia Norris, Bell Norris, Mary C. Minnie, Tillie Richardson, Josephine Smith, Dora West, Ellen Thomas, Bell Dillon, Stella Minnie, Bessie

Minnie, W. T. Smith, Earnest Strothers, H. W. Thomas, William Lewis. The following paid 25 cents each: Joe McSmith, R. C. Shepperson, Mattie Johns, Sarah Johns, James West, Bessie Smith, 15 cents, Anna West, 15 cents, Marguerite West, 10 cents. Total $25.15.

BRADFORD, S. C. Honesty, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: C. R. Daper, Wm. Enty, A. H. Smith, Martha Butler, P. B. Jones, Lottie Jones, A. J. Enty, Henry Smith, Eli Blackwell, Carrie Thornell, D. Thornell, Matilda Brown, Mattie Carter, Sophia Collins, Emma Myers, Isaac Morganza.

The following paid fifty cents: G. B. Brown, Frank Price, Matilda Mann, Edna Collins, J. W. Gogan, Lula Honesty, Jessie Honesty, M. A. Douglass, Mattie Jones.

The following persons paid twenty-five cents each: Monzel A. Gues, Grace Rose. Total, $20.00.

KANE—The following persons paid one dollar: H. C. Byrd, McKinney, J. E. Smith, Sarah Foster. Total, $4.00. Grand total, $25.00.

BELLE VERNON, George T. Smith, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Rev. George Martin, Rachel Martin, Henry H. Hill, Mary E. Hill, Robert Jones, Celia Robinson, Emma Turner, Mary Burrell, John Johnson, Frank Cornett, Nancy Burrell, Elizabeth Dillon, Joseph Dillon, Lace Dillon, Lucy Lockly, Mattie Lockly, Wm. Briant, Hamilton Johnson, Belle Miney, Mary Wright, Josie Batch, R. J. Hockins, Lizzie Batch, Annie Lotterbury, 50 cts; Edna Gee, 25 cts. Total 20.70.

MONESSEN A. M. E. CHURCH: John R. Lucas, Hattie S. Lucas, Jerry Phillips, Samuel Phillips, Robert Phillips, F. B. Catlin, Wm. Miney, John Jones, A. Surles, Sadie Graham, Rachel Jones,

The following paid fifty cents: C. P. Saunders; Benjamin Murphy, Alice Phillips, George S. Cotton, Vanda Lucas, John R. Lucas, Jr. Mary E. Catlin, Melissa Catlin, Daniel Phillips, Nellie Phillips, Clarence Wallace, Matilda. Total $16.20. Grand total, $37.15.

HOMESTEAD, S. A. Lewis, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Tucker Clark, Thomas Jackson, Henry Carter, Bowman Scott.

The following paid 25 cents: Cora Kerns, Sadie Randolph, Samuel Cundiff, C. W. Bosey, Addie Winn.

The following paid 25 cents: Emma Ralph, Emanuel Randolph, Fannie Cahill. Total, $7.00.

WEST NEWTON CIRCUIT, Joshua J. Norris, Pastor. West Elizabeth.—The following paid $1.00: Mary Brown, Lafayette Randolph, C. H. Armst ong, Joseph Randolph, Alex Randolph, Monroe Randle, John L. Ford, Hattie Randolph, Louisa Randolph, Patsy Ford, Maliasie Armstrong, Emma Smith, Louisa Randle, Effie Randolph. Paid 50 cents: James Anderson, Elvira Anderson, Amanda Streighter, Wesley Straton, Nellie Scott, 15 cents.

West Newton—Paid $1.00: Perry Griffin, Lucy Lyles, Alice Humbert, Adam Taylor, Aleva Deritt, Rachel Watson, Addison Jett, 75 cents. Paid 50 cents: Elizabeth Jett, Mary Jordan, Mary A. Sterling, Jennie Scott, Elizabeth Green, Henry Kinney, 25 cents, N. Jordan, 15 cents. Total $25.80.

ERIE, C. J. Powell, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00 each: Louise Hardy, Carrie Lawson, C. E. Slow, Lina Davis, Marie Williams, Elizabeth Elmendorf, Rosie Slow, Nellie Harding, F. C. Smith, Eva Baxter, A. A. Scott, Pleasant Peters, Margrette Williams, Cora B. Holmes, Catherine Powers, Emma Franklin, James Franklin, Martha I. Gordon, Gertrude Gordon, Charles S. Franklin, Alice V. Wilson, Agnes Ford, Harriett Gilbert, Maria Rector, Louise Waters, Minnie Brown, Sarah Powers, 75 cents, Ella Blackburn and M. Lawrence, 50 cents each, Henrietta Dades, 25 cents. Total $28.00.

SEWICKLY, Eli McKnight, Pastor.—The following members paid $1.00: Layton Morris, John Dungee, Sadie Dungee, William Anderson, George Potee, Perry Cox, John Cole. The following paid one dollar: Taylor Morris, John Dungee, Sadie Dungee, William Anderson, George Potee, Perry Cox, John Cole.

The following paid 75 cents: William West, Willie West.

The following paid 50 cents: Hannah Williams, Hannah Jordan, John Kinslowel, Rebecca Jordan, Julia Hill, ——— Morris.

The following paid 25 cents: Virginia Booth, Lizzie Dungee.

PLEASANT GREEN, A. E. Walden, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: Jonathan Bazier, Susan Bazier John Minnie, Aaron Bazier, Lucy Lee, Edward Bowman, $1.20. The following paid 50 cents: Benjamin Brunson, David Bazier, Grant Ross, Elizabeth Minnie, Lucy Ross, Carrie Bazier, Cora Ross. The following paid 25 cents: David Derry, Custer Brown, Joseph Derry, Frank Cornet, David Lee, John Lee, Judson Lee, Samuel Lee, Kerfoot Ross, Rebecca Derry, Rebecca Harden, Martha Brunson, Rebecca Bowman Isaac Ross, John Jones, William Minney, Louisa Minney, by friend, Johnson Bazier, 15 cents, Rhoda Ross, and Violet Ross 10 cents each, Matilda Ross, 5 cents. Total $13.70.

PIKE RUN, A. E. Walden, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00 each: Robert Smith, William McTerry, Jesse West, J. E. Smith, Acquilla Smith, Maggie Smith. The following paid 50 cents: James Palmer, Robert H. Steward, Oliver McGill, Wilber Jones, Carter Jones, M. T. Jones, A. H. Wallace, Noah West, William Smith, Mary Wallace, Susan Jones, Gertie Smith. The following paid 25 cents each: Joseph Marsh, Annie M Gill, Lyde Maxwell, Frank Jones, cash 25 cents, Sarah West, Eliza Maxwell, Carrie V. Smith, Osie V. Wallace, Elona West, Emma Smith, Minnie Wallace.

The following paid 20 cents each: Walter Smith, Eli Smith. The following paid 10 cents: C. B. Cloughton, John Blackay, Rama West, Helen Wheeler, Vance Houghton and Dora McGill each paid 5 cents. Total $16.15.

NEW KENSINGTON, G. W. Webster, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: Ellen Loudon, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Craig, Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsey, Louis Gravely, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Cuff paid $1.25. Paid 25 cents: Frank Penn, and Lucy Cuff. Total $5.25.

BELLEVUE, Charles Adison, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: William Warfield, Matilda Warfield, George Oliver. Paid 75 cents: Della Warfield Edward Redley; Jessie Warfield, 50 cents. Total $5.00.

KITTANNING, Charles E. Wheeler, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00: John Craig, Jacob Simms, Richel Moton, Mary Dixon, Perses Brice, Joseph Dixon, Charles Dixon, Jennette Willis, C. S. Carr, Mary Page, James Oliver, John D. Brice, Mrs. S. W. D. S. Stoner, James Shanklin, Katherin Enty, Joen Moton, Winston Coles. The following paid 50 cents: Margret Brice, Lucy Barrett. Total $18.00.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

WHEELING, D. S. Bentley, Pastor. The following paid $1.00: Alice Clark, George King, J. R. Brenin, Amanda Brenin, S. A. Bentley, Virginia Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Winters, William Wood, Jane Wood Mattie Lewis, Mattie Weaver, Aba Jackson, July Johnson Martha Early, James West, Lucy West, Martha Morris, H. A. Davis, Frances Mastondon Darcus Norris, Malina Martin, Clara Jennings, C. M. Glasgown, C. O. Johns G. W. Brunsinck, Charles Early, Dora Early, Alma Putman, Elizabeth Jackson, M. E. Jackson, Bill Barnett Sarah Lottery, Bessie Grant, Cora Verse, Alice Grant, Hattie Carpenter, Martha More, Nora Right, A. E. Simmons, Jessie

Johnson, Carrie Alexander, Jane Johnson, Sadie Brown, Ada Taylor, Maggie Weaver, Henry Allensworth, Ellen Alexander, Berdie Alexander, Lucianda Bradford. Total $50.00.

WASHINGTON, Walter Scott Lowry, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00: Lida A. Lowry, Steward Butler, Mary Cochran, Anna Pearl, Emma Frame, Hattie Harper, Laura B. Skinner, Mattie Winston, C. H. Matthews, Julius Caldwell, G. W. Durham, Ray Anderson, Harry Thomas, J. C. Asbury, Josephine Walls, Carrie Miller, Laura Adams, Timothy Chatman, J. E. Asbury, Luella Wasler, William Green, Mary Matthews, Mary B. Adams, Nancy Patterson, Alice Adams, L. G. Mosby, L. H. Mosby, Ella Mosby, Ida Demster, David Demster, W. B. Banks, Minnie Crockett, Alfred Crockett, Elizabeth Henderson, Mary F. Crockett, Anna Banks, Abraham Berry, Maggie Joiner, Jane Chatman, C. M. Joiner, Mary Prisby, Annie Workman, Maggie B. Praul, Emma Kelly, N. J. Johnson, Nettie Nelson, Ruth Redman, William Jackson, Elizabeth Munday, Mary J. Thomas, Lydia Cox, S. G. Walters, Lydia Walters, Hannah Lane, E. F. Barber, Mattie Baxter, Samuel Shorter, Clara Berry, Elizabeth Shorters, M. E. Johnson, Martha Williams, Lula Lane, Ed Dexter, Ella Nelson, M. Thomas, Frank Cole, Poebe G. Stewart, Mary Mull, Mark Willis, Thomas Wheeler, Jonathan Davis, Elizabeth Hend, Matilda Thomas, Alfred Crockett, Sr., Robert Johnson, Hannah Lane, Christopher Patterson, Luvina Adams, George Cain, Calvin Strawethers, John A. Adams, Jr.

The following persons paid 75 cents each: Samuel Guffinney, Edith Grason, Estella Wasler, Jane Morris, Mary J. Churchman, Robert Adams, Rida S. Cott, Mary H. Brown.

The following persons each paid 50 cents: Charles O. Brown, G. M. Grimes, Sadie Wyett, Wilzenia Thomas, Julia Adams, John Adams, Ed Kisner, Sarah J. Macurdy, G. Macurdy, Anna Smith, Pearle Crockett, William Curry, Grace Joiner, Gurtrude Joiner, Ida E. Patterson, Emily Skinner, Ida Jackson, Anna Baker, Anna Greenly, Elmer Jones, J. C. Greenly, Alex Crockett, Hannah Brown, Martha Patterson, Nathanial Bush, Sarah Banks, Francis Merritt, Sell Thomas Blanch Thomas, Maud Stewart, Mattie Walters, Lazarus Shorters, James Tobias, Ellen Brown, Charles Harding.

The following persons each paid 25 cents: Amulis Henderson, Elizabeth Presby, Ella Miner, Helen Patterson, C. H. Bozier, Thomas Adams, George Baker, R. J. Patterson, Lewis Churchman, Nellie Bolden, Margaret Chapman, Lizzie Adams, Pearl Cox.

N. B. The original roll was lost. Some names entirely lost. Exceedingly sorry. Total dollar money $105.15.

CANONSBURG, G. G. Skinner, pastor—The following paid one dollar: Abraham Lotterbury, Maria Lotterbury, Louisa Catlin, Catherine Hill, Sarah Corduck, Sarah Prisby, Elijah Randall, Chas. H. Hill, Rachel Wilkins, Disni Grooms, Eliza Wheeler, Samuel Wilson, John Burgess, Sr., John E. Harper, Susan Zeasly, Catharine Prisby, George Sluby, Charlotte Sluby, Frederick Bartlett, James Burgess, Annie Burgess, Phoebe Victor, M. C. Bush, Annie Bush, Joseph Morman, Alice Morman, Mansfield Brown, S. J. Robinson, Joseph Butler, Mary Butler, Martha Morgan, Alice Hill, Cyrus Brown, Francis Brown, Chris Davis, Lucy Davis, Alice Robinson, Joseph Davis, J. Smith, William Burgess, Eliza. J. Burgess, S. A. Warfield, Jennie Sluby, Ellen Davis, Rebecca Fullum, A. N. Bush, Mary Bush, Thomas Wheeler, Rebecca Henderson, John Wilkins, Charles Jackson, Ezekiel Betts, George Durham, Eva Steward,

Mary M. C. Henderson, Margaret Butcher Penor each paid 75c.

The following paid 50 cents: Albert Smith. Alice Smith, Sophie Harper, Alfred Thomas, Millie Thomas, Minnie Zearly, Mamie Bush, M. E. Wheeler, Annie Betts, Della Burgess, John Burgess, Jr., Abraham Pool, Jennie Pool, Ida Brown, Margaret Turner, Mae Wilson, Lillie Giles, Annie Walls, Nannie Dusham, Roberta Reed, Cornelia Prawl, B. A. Henderson.

The following paid 25 cents: Annie Morgan, Bertha Prawl, Cora Prawl, Alberta Zeasly, Elva Wheeler, Hattie Wheeler, Wyatt Freeman, Maggie Robinson Henderson, Zara Skinner, Mabel Skinner, Ed. Burgess, 10c.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, UNIONTOWN, George C. Sampson, Pastor—The following paid one dollar each: Mahala A. Sampson, Martha D. Sampson, John Oakstine, S. S. Carter, Amanda J. Carter, Phoebe Gilbert, Eli Curry, Lucy Webster, Albert Henry, Wm. Hackney, S. H. Thomas, Emma Catlin, Alex Belt, Eliza Moxley, Annie Baxter, C. A. Jenkins, Edward Skinner, Bell Blue, Phoebe Payne Harriet Johns, Annie Hackney Jesse Gaines, Ellis Robinson, Ida Jackson, P. E. Baxter, J. V. Baxter, Mary Betters, George Warfield, J. D. Clifford, Chas. Palmer, M. A. Curry, Maud Palmer, John H Webster, Emily Grant, M. K. Catlin, Amanda Jackson, Jennie Chatman, Robert Robinson, Wylie Cousins, Norman Johns, I. N. Skinner, Thadeus Irving, Troy Barns, Nancy Fox, Emma Henderson, Isaac Giles, Ella Brady, Harriet Palmer, Lucinda Miner, E. J. Scott, Catie Reynolds, Mary Walker Powhatten McClure. Rachel White Lula Coston Josephine Crawford Jane Patterson, W. H. Taylor Mamie Palmer Clarence Baxter Horner Jenkins, Harry Skinner, Lydia Johnson, C. H. Plummer, Mary A.

Hackman, Henry Young, Henrietta Skinner. W. D. Garnes, Annie E, Pendleton, Sarah J. Black, Elizabeth Chisholm.

The following paid 50 cents: Annie D. Sampson Martha Belt, Francis Dix Mary Chapman, Fielding Walker, Ida Douglass George Ditchers Lizzie Ditcher, Mary J. Carter, Emma Barnes Minerva Jenkins H H. Scott Emma Walker, Emma Bolden A. L. Saulsbury Lizzie Saulsbury, Lizzie Jackson, Ada Johns, Jesse Patterson, Carrie V Lee, Rebecca Bagsley, Tennie Robinson, Mary C. Clifford, S. E. Truly, Eli Truly Hattie Bennett.

The following paid 25 cents: Emma G. Sampson, Francis Carter. Paul Carter, Helen Curry. Margaret Burgess Rachel Tilman. Grand total, $87.75.

BROWNSVILLE, C. Wright Pastor—The following paid one dollar: George Bennette. Blanche Hilton, B. N. A. Tilghman, Alice Fortune, L. H. Wright S. A. Wright, Chas. Payton, J. K. Penn, E. M. Flood, Rea Flood, Henry Whossett Isabella W. Alexander Eli Hilton, John Yeats James Simpson William Johns, Julia Johns Anderson Custer, Moses Bolden Maud Hilton, M. E. Black, Elizabeth Florence, Tilla Jackson, Charles Carpenter, Cornelius Hinton, Wm. Stribling, Ruben Jones, Olive Arnett.

The following paid fifty cents: Henrietta Bolden, Alice Bolden, Annie Butler. Carrie Wheeler, Annie Mossett, Elizabeth Hamilton, Elizabeth Barnes, Zevenia Cain, John Baker, George Mossette, Simpson, Mary Payton, Charles Smothers, Horace Johns.

The following paid 25 cents: P. Moore, Hanna M. Lancaster, John Alexander, Margaret Young, John Payton, Wm. Collier, Jackson Cheeks, J. W. Manning, 35 cents. Caroline Bolden, 10 cents, Lucinda Arnett, 30 cents, Harold Johns, 15 cents, May Johns, 10 cents. Total, $37.25.

WAYNESBURG, J. P. Stephens, Pastor.—The following persons paid $2.00: A. I. Cook, A. B. Reese. The following paid $1.00: Daniel O. Terrell, William H. Truss, Annie Bruce, Emma A. Baker, Elizabeth Hickey, Mattie Brooks, Albert A. Bruce, Fannie Cyrus, Mr. —— Cotterell, George W. Woods, Ezra M. Sayers, Luretta Dyson, Jennie Sutters, Jessie L. Ross, Harvey Calb, Gus A. Stog, Hoover and Minor. Paid 75 cents: Martha Ferrell, Curby Tate. Paid 50 cents: Catherine Manly, Cora Woods, Catherin Workman, Mary E. H. Workman, R. H. Goldberg, Annie Hickey. Paid 10 cents: Beatrice Baker, Sadie Bruce. Total $25.55.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., J. E. Morris, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00: Julia Ross, Flora Giles, Agnes Ogden, Eliza Frazier, Emma Harris, Allen Lee, W. H. Robinson, Julia Beckwith, Hannah Rogers, Adella V. Wilkinson, L. J. Robinson, Menervia

Ashley, Columbus Johnson, Sophia Lee, Harriett Page, Gus Green, M. Miles, Edith Smith, Charles Grayson, Elizabeth Johnson, Harry Green, John Strange, Willa Lee, James Thomas, M. J. Grayson, Lulu Macky.

The following paid 50 cents: M. W. Grayson, Grace Grayson, Charles Haines, Gay A. McGee. Paid 23 cents: Lizzie Gordon, Ira Ross, Lizzie Robinson, Henry Lewis, Mrs. Henry Lewis, May Littleton, Samuel Wilson A. L. Rogers, Susan Harris, Florence Littleton, A. J. Hayes, E. W. Henry, Edith Williams, Irene, Morris, Mahulda Morris. Paid 10 cents: Lewis A. McGee, Celia A. McGee, Grace D. McGee, Ruth E. McGee, Charles F. McGee.

PARKERSBURG E. R Baziel pastor—The following paid one dollar: Ida Heater, Mrs. R. Lotterberry, Martha M. Jones, Sophia Spencer, Sarah R. Green, Richard Green, Addie Venell, Frank Bartlett, Ellen Smith, C. H. Ruckner, Robert Lotterberry, Fidelia Wilson, Mrs. H. Lotterbury, Calvin Taylor..

The following paid fifty cents: Dora Buckner, Mary Taylor, Mrs. Grant, Mr. C. Grant, Carrie Lotterbury, Sarah Williams, W. Mason, Mattie Mason, W. Madison.

The following paid 25 cents: L. Williams, Annie Alstork, M. Jenkins, S. Bartlett, Henry Bartlett Amos Bartlert, Jr.

The following paid 75 cents: John Bartlett, R. Lotterberry Jr., paid thirty cents.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., S. Christian, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: John Edwards, Henry Ellis, J. H. Hunt, A. H. Brown, R. W. Blue, Nathan Miller, B. W. Anderson, H. C. Blue, Sarah Edwards, Florence Henderson, Fannie Miller, Nancy Johnson, Elizabeth Christian. Paid 50 cents: Bell Ellis, Emma Collis, Harriet Parker, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Halet, Alvirtie Ellis, 10 cents. Total $16.10.

BUCKHANNON, W. Va., S. B. Morris, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00: Blair Dabney, W. J. Mumford, Charles Dickerson, Mamie Mumford, Malinda Hunter, Ellen Smith, Matilda Wade, Mrs. S. B. Morris, Mathie Morris, Jennie Burley, 50 cents, William Hayes and Ethel Burley, 20 cents each. Total $10.00.

WEST MIDDLETOWN, T. J. Simmons, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: T. J. Simmons, C. J. Bozier, Alis Daunlop, Edmonia Harris, Thomas Murrell, Sarah Dempster, Anna Dunlap, Joseph Umphrey, William Dunlop, Walker Dempster. Paid 50 cents each: Jennie Patterson, Martha Patterson, Martha Dunlop, Clarissie Wallace, Magar Wallace, Rose Patterson, Estella Patterson, Margret Kelly, Jennie Kelly, Maud Kelly. Total $16.00.

WELLSBURG, R. M. Henderson, Pastor.—The following per-

sons paid $1.00 each: Samuel Howard, John Mashone, Crissie Mashone, Alice Johnson, Lizzie Mashone, Tena Childs, Philes Edwards. Paid 75 cents: Charles Mashone, Lizzie Mashon. Paid 50 cents: Henry Johnson, Mrs. R. M. Henderson. Emma Dixon, Wilber Branch, James Pzar, Mrs. Samuel Howard. Paid 25 cents: Lizzie Cartener. Total $11.25.

MCGOVERN, R. H. Baker, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00 each: Lizzie Stevens, Samuel Dungee, Nellie Brown, Samuel Jones. Paid 50 cents: Mary Jane Taylor, Josephine Fitch. Total $5.00.

CEREDO, J. A. Latterbury, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: Mrs. Richardson. G. W. Dickerson, 50 cents. Mrs. L. Spiller and Mrs. Lucinda Prater, 25 cents each. Total $2.00.

BEVERLY, J. W. Hayes, Pastor.—Lulu Brown, $1.00. The following paid 50 cents each: Samuel Steward, J. B. Lee, Fannie Seymour. Paid 25 cents: Anna McDowell, Hattie Lewis. Total $3.00.

CASSIDY FORK, J. W. Hayes, Pastor.—The following persons paid $1.00 each: Joshua Green, George Green. Paid 50 cents each: Florence Green, Delphia Green, Bell Green. Total $3.75.

ELKINS, A. C. Hayes, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: Andy Redman, Richard Scott, Mollie Scott; Doliver Baxter, and Carrie Walker paid 50 cents each; J. S. Redman and Will Lewis paid 25 cents each. From friends $1.00. Total $5.00.

BOONE, L. A. Barber, Pastor.—J. G. Banks, Milton Smith, I. E. Smoot, Harriett Banks, paid 50 cents each. Sarah Smith, Jr., Fanny Smoot, Oliver Shannon, Dora Smoot, Arnett Barber, paid 25 cents each. T. R. Smoot, Jeff Smoot, Sr., Emily Smoot, Mary Mason, L. A. Price, Sally Perry, J. C. Price, D. C. Mason, Pearl Price, Floyd Miller, Linnie Price, paid 10 cents each. Nannie Smoot, Gertrude Price, Preston Mason, Johnny Mason, Della Smoot, paid 5 cents each.

Raliegh.—Lutisha Saunders, William Mallory, Floyd Saunders, Sadie Saunders, Isaac Banks, Mamie Banks, Lanon Smoot, Preston Saunders, Julia Saunders, Mamie Perry, George Robinson, David Robinson, paid 25 cents each. Mamie Saunders, Oswell McKeen, Calvin Saunders, Jr., paid 10 cents each. Roby Aria, T. Saunders; Bertha Banks, Calvin Saunders, Sr., 5 cents each. Victoria Banks, 30 cents, Sarah Coulston, Jane Banks, Eugenia Banks, 15 cents, each. Total $9.50.

CHARLESTON, C. P. Hurrington, Pastor.—The following paid $1.00: Grant Jones, Nelson Johnson, Robert Cousen, Levi Bryant, Louise Taylor, Lettie Johnson, Mattie Bryant, Mattie Moss, Mary

Lewis, Maggie Cahoun, Mary Lark. Paid 25 cents: Nancy Mitchell, Eva Parish, Bessie Smith. Total $9.75.

SISTERSVILLE, C. H. Arnold, Pastor. —The following persons paid 25 cents: M. Wagner, Joe Sifus, Fannie Comedy, Henry Comedy, Carrie Arnold, A. Washington, Salie M. Banks, Cora Hilliard. Maty Jones, 75 cents. Hattie Comedy and M. Anderson, 50 cents each. E. Cramer, 30 cents, Mrs. Eddie Scott, 15 cents. Total $4.50.

FINLEYVILLE MISSION, W. L. Green, Supply.—The following paid: W. L. Green, $1.00, Mary Holmes and Shopherd Holmes, 50 cents each. Maggie Holmes, Etta Holmes Wyath Gleen, Lizzie Green, J. H. Green and Ned Alston, 25 cents each. Grant Pearson and B. Clayton; 15 cents each. Charles Alston and George Adkins, 10 cents, John Clemens and Martha Campbell, 5 cents each.

Orransville—Ely Smith, 50 cents. Joseph Hopkins, Mary Hopkins, Mrs. Marco, 25 cents each.

Gastonville—Lizzie Leech, H. Haliburton, 25 cents each, George Austin, 10 cents. Total $5.95.

WESTON, W. Va., L. V. Jones Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Jessie Brown, Jackson Lacy, Granvill Lee, Jane Brown, Mollie Goss, Sallie Jones, Caroline Lacy.

The following paid fifty cents: Maria Perkins. Louisa Grant.

The following paid twenty-five cents: Violet Smith, Anna Hutchinson, L. V. Jones.

SUTTON W. Va., L. V. Jones, Pastor—The following paid one dollar: Blanch Lewis, Hattie Lewis, Georgie Thompson, Frank Knight. Ella Walker paid 25 cents.

Table A. Numerical Statistics of Churches. Pittsburg District.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Conversions.	Accessions.	Members.	Probationers	Exhorters.	Local Preachers	Missionary Societies.	Church Auxiliaries	Churches.	Parsonages	Seating capacity of churches.
Bethel, Wylie Station	J. W. Gazaway	31	26	507	24	...	3	2	1	1	...	750
Euclid Avenue, E. E.	J. W. Jeffries	31	46	202	13	2	2	3	11	1	...	300
Williamsport	C. Asbury	1	3	135	5	...	....	2	.....	1	1	400
Scranton	J. M. Gilmere	1	1	60	1	...	.....	1	3	1	...	200
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	13	27	80	5	1	4	1	4	1	...	500
Altoona	T. A. J. West	7	15	32	6	...	.....	.....	1	...	...	300
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	19	13	62	.....	...	1	2	1	1	...	250
New Haven	T. A. Green	2	23	72	6	...	.....	2	2	1	1	250
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	1	15	.....	.....	...	1	1	1	...	...	200
Braddock	W. N. Young	32	6	60	4	...	2	2	1	1	...	350
Philipsburg Curwensville	J. M. Wilkes	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tyrone	A. Smothers	.....	4	22	.....	...	1	2	2	2	...	450
Bloomsburg	D. Newsom	21	22	42	22	...	1	2	2	4	...	700
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	1	1	4	.....	...	1	1	1	1	...	150
Bedford & Everette	O. T. Davis	2	4	20	.....	...	1	2	.....	2	...	300
Montrose	Charles Garner	1	4	25	.....	...	2	3	1	2	..	450
Waverly	Charles Garner	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....
West Pittston	Charles Garner	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lock Haven Jersey Shore	J. W. Riley	.....	.....	30	1	...	1	2	2	...	...	300
Total		111	178	1293	59	4	15	24	31	17	2	4750

Alleghany District.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	34	50	319	14	...	6	3	8	1	...	650
Chartiers Street	B. H. Lee	15	15	92	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	250
South Side, Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	45	40	54	22	..	.....	2	9	...	...	300
New Brighton	H. A. Grant	26	23	98	9	...	1	2	1	1	...	300
West Bridgewater	Richard Brown	5	4	52	3	...	2	2	2	1	...	260
Sewickley	Eli McKnight	3	3	30	.....	...	1	3	1	1	1	200
Oil City	P. A. Scott	49	23	80	26	1	1	2	8	1	1	300
Franklin	H. G. Thomas	30	14	42	10	...	.....	2	.....	1	1	300
Meadville	J. W. Brown	11	8	53	1	1	.....	2	4	1	...	250
Bradford and Kane	S. C. Honesty	.....	.....	30	1	...	1	1	1	1	...	300
Erie	C. J. Powell	1	2	24	1	...	.....	2	1	1	...	200
Homestead	S. A. Lewis	1	7	27	.....	...	2	1	1	1	...	350
Monongahelia	R. H. Bumry	4	2	75	1	...	2	2	2	1	...	300
Charleroi	S. P. West	8	12	53	1	...	.....	2	6	1	1	200
Elizabeth	W. H. Brown	3	4	82	2	...	1	2	.....	...	...	200
Titusville	I. B. Till.	3	.....	44	7	...	....	2	1	1	1	250
W. Newton & W. Elizab'h	J. J. Norris	5	6	66	1	...	1	2	3	2	...	550
McKeesport	C. N. Butts	18	3	47	6	1	.....	2	4	1	...	200
Belle Vernon & Monessen	G. T. Smith	5	8	26	2	...	1	4	8	2	...	500
Pleasant Green Pike's Run	A. E. Walden	2	4	69	...	...	.....	1	.....	2	...	.....
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	.....	.....	6	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	150
Bellevue	Charles Addison	12	.....	11	1	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	70
Olean	B. A. L. Powell	7	.....	18	.....	...	.....	1	.....	...	...	.....
Kittanning	C. E. Wheeler	.....	.....	6	.....	...	.....	2	.....	...	...	.....
New Kensington	G. W. Webster	.....	.....	6	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Total		287	228	1104	115	4	24	44	61	21	6	5930

Table A.—Continued. Wheeling District.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Conversions	Accessions.	No. Members	No. Probationers.	No. Exhorters.	No. Local Preachers.	Missionary Societies	Church Auxiliaries.	No. Churches	Parsonages	Seating capacity of the church.
Wheeling, W. Va.	D. S. Bently	8	14	96	10	...	3	2	1	1	...	350
Washington, Pa.	W. S. Lowry	160	25	230	20	1	1	3	2	1	1	700
Canonsburg.	G. G. Skinner	40	22	163	14	...	...	3	5	1	1	500
West Middletown.	T. J. Simmons	9	4	45	9	...	1	3	2	1	1	300
Waynesburg	J. P. Stephens	...	...	33	12	...	...	2	1	1	...	200
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	38	11	171	4	1	2	2	1	1	...	450
Brownsville	Carter Wright	2	8	121	12	...	...	2	2	1	...	450
Wellsburg, W. Va.	R. M. Henderson	1	1	26	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	250
Morgantown	S. Christian	7	7	34	7	1	...	1	...	1	1	250
Clarksburg	J. E. Morris	2	...	44	...	...	1	3	1	1	1	200
Parkersburg	E. R. Bazier	8	13	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	200
Weston, Sutton, Stout's Mills	L. V. Jones	23	9	33	6	...	1	1	...	3	1	500
Buckhannon & Indian Camp	S. B. Morris	14	9	52	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	250
Beverly, Elkins, Coketon.	J. W. Hayes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charleston	C. P. Hurrington	4	25	26	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	300
Boone, Raleigh, Wyoming	L. A. Barber	8	4	26	7	...	...	1	...	1	...	75
Huntingdon and Ceredo	J. A. Latterbury	33	28	40	7	...	...	1	...	1	...	100
Sistersville	C. H. Arnold	...	2	6	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	50
Mannington	A. C. Hayes	4	...	14	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	100
Total		361	182	1197	104	6	11	28	19	17	8	5225
Grand Total		759	612	3587	302	14	47	96	11	56	16	13905

Money Collected for General Purposes.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Dollar Money	Easter	Women's Mite Fund	Allen Day.	Endowment Day.	Payne Theological Seminary	Other Educational Moneys	Sunday School Union	Church Extension	Bible Cause	Contingent.	Sunday School Missions.	Pastor's Missionary Dues.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses.	General Conference Exp
Bethel, Wylie Street	J. W. Gazaway	245 88	161 14	150 28		34 51	10 00	20 87	15 84	15 85				1 00		
Euclid Avenue, E. E.	J. W. Jeffries	122 50	25 86	41 78		25 17	5 08	11 20	3 94	3 94	2 00	3 00		1 00		
Williamsport	D. E. Johnson	59 00		20 23		11 64			5 00	5 00		2 05		1 00		
Scranton	J. M. Gilmere	33 75	15 00	6 00		4 80	60		1 50	1 50	1 00	1 16		1 00		12 00
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	80 00	2 00	5 00		3 00			2 00	2 00		1 00		1 00		
Altoona	T. A. J. West	23 50	9 00	3 16		4 00			1 50	1 50				1 00		
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	50 00	15 00	6 65		2 63		7 72	4 06	4 06	1 00	2 00		1 00		
New Haven	T. A. Green	36 70	33 79			5 65			7 50	7 50		1 36		1 00		
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	15 72		6 01		3 25	3 00		1 00	1 00	50	1 50		1 00		
Braddock	W. N. Young	53 75	9 00	13 60	6 80	7 00	3 00		4 50	4 50	25	1 00				
Phillipsburg and Curwensville	J. M. Wilkes	20 50	10 20	5 05	1 20	3 80			3 82	3 82	25	1 21				
Tyrone, Huntingdon and Lewistown	A. Smothers	20 27	12 00	13 60		10 25	5 00		2 80	2 60	25	75		1 00		
Bloomsburg	D. Newsom	12 00	3 00	5 00		5 00	1 00		50	50	50	1 00		1 00		
Bedford and Everette	O. T. Davis	6 00		40		1 00			1 00	1 00	50	50		1 00		
Montrose, Waverly and West Pittston	Charles Garner	15 35	5 00	7 30		1 00	1 00		1 02	1 82	50	1 00				
Lock Haven and Jersey Shore	J. W. Riley	9 00	2 00	50					1 25	1 25	15	25		1 00		
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	3 00		25							25	25		1 00		
Total		815 57	63 99	70 45	8 00	57 02	11 60	39 79	30 43	31 23	3 90	11 03		14 00		12 00

ALLEGHANY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	180 00	52 32	154 81	14 80	50 11			6 74	6 74	2 00	5 00		1 00					
Chartiers Street	B. H. Lee	78 75	10 00	19 10		13 00		6 50	1 00	1 00	50	2 00		1 00					
South Side, Pittsburgh	T. J. Askew	44 75	8 00	21 49	2 50	9 00			2 50	2 50	25	1 00		1 00					
New Brighton	H. A. Grant	66 00	10 00	54 60		17 00	5 00	3 00	3 60	3 60	50	1 00		1 00					
West Bridgewater	Richard Brown	28 35	12 40	20 02		8 15			3 00	3 00	80	1 60		1 00					
Sewickley	Eli McKnight	12 00	1 50						1 00			30		1 00					
Oil City	P. A. Scott	63 05	27 35	44 84		8 00			3 76	3 76	75	1 00		1 00		7 00			
Franklin	H. G. Thomas	45 25	9 35	8 70		8 00			3 00	3 00	20	30		1 00		7 00			
Meadville	J. W. Brown	27 75	5 10	10 05	2 50	2 00			1 00	1 00	25	75		1 00					
Bradford and Kane	S. C. Honesty	24 00		3 17	7 00	5 00			2 00	2 00	50	50		1 00					
Erie	C. J. Powell	28 00	11 50	20 91	3 00	7 25		2 00	5 00	5 00	50	1 00	1 00	1 00					
Homestead	S. A. Lewis	5 00	3 00	6 00		10 65								1 00					
Monongahela	R. H. Bumry	38 25	27 00	42 06	2 00	12 00			2 00	2 00	25	2 00		1 00					
Charleroi	S. P. West	25 15	7 25	12 81		8 99	1 50		4 50	4 00	25	1 07		1 00					
Elizabeth	W. H. Brown	33 15		60 54		4 60			5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00		1 00					
Titusville	I. B. Till	35 25	5 00	10 32			1 50	3 00	2 61	2 61		2 05	1 00	1 00					
West Newton and West Elizabeth	J. J. Norris	25 80	9 50	55 66		10 00			3 50	3 50	75	1 25		1 00					
McKeesport	C. N. Butts	22 25	5 00	20 00		5 00			2 00	2 00	25	25		1 00					
Belle Vernon and Monessen	G. T. Smith	35 45	2 00	6 00	2 00	75	35	1 00	5 00	5 00	50	1 00		1 00					
Pleasant Green and Pike's Run	A. E. Walden	30 85				3 00			2 70			60		1 00					
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	3 00																	
Bellevue	Charles Addison	5 00	2 58			2 40						50	2 00	1 00					
Kittanning	C. E. Wheeler	12 00							2 50				50	1 00					
Olean	B. A. L. Powell	1 00																	
New Kensington	G. W. Webster	5 25				2 00						25	1 00	1 00					
Finleyville	W. C. Green	6 00																	
Total		887 80	206 85	569 08	31 80	180 30	8 35	15 50	61 41	54 46	9 25	24 12	5 50	23 00		14 00			

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling, W. Va	D. S. Bentley	50 50	23 00	22 40		25 00			5 00	5 00	1 00	2 00							
Washington, Pa	W. S. Lowry	104 15	53 00	90 00		25 65			7 50	7 50	1 00	2 00							
Canonsburg	G. G. Skinner	70 00	15 75	31 88					2 50	2 50									
West Middletown	J. S. Eaton																		
Waynesburg	J. P. Stephens	25 10		6 00		5 00			1 72	1 73	1 00	1 50							
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	86 25	21 00	30 63		16 00			7 50	7 50	1 50	1 50	2 00			6 00			
Brownsville	Carter Wright	37 25	22 00	41 00		7 64			5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	4 00			6 00			
Wellsburg, W. Va	R. M. Henderson	11 25	4 00	8 20		1 20			1 00	1 00	10	65							
Morgantown	S. Christian	16 10	3 25	5 31		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 50	25	1 00							
Clarksburg	J. E. Morris	32 25	3 25	5 00		4 75	80		1 50	1 50		25	1 00						
Parkersburg	E. R. Bazier	22 80	3 50	5 56		2 00			1 50	1 50	25	1 00							
Weston, Sutton and Stout's Mills	L. V. Jones	12 75	5 00	3 00	2 00	1 60			2 26	50	50	1 00				5 00			
Buckhannon and Indian Camp	S. B. Morris	10 00	4 00	3 55		3 00			1 50	1 50	25	1 00							
Beverly, Elkins and Coketon	J. W. Hayes	6 50	1 23																
Charleston	C. P. Hurrington	9 75	1 00			1 25		1 00	65	65	25								
Boone, Raleigh and Wyoming Circuit	L. A. Barber	9 00									10	25							
McGovern	R. H. Baker	5 00		25							25	25							
Ceredo	J. A. Latterbury	2 00		2 00					1 00	1 00									
Sistersville	C. H. Arnold	4 50		4 00		55			25	25	25	1 00							
Mannington	A. C. Hayes	5 00		50								50							
Total		483 18	219 98	257 03	2 00	94 64	1 80	2 00	37 88	36 13	7 45	13 40	7 00			17 00			
Grand Total		2 186 12	608 82	1 132 02	35 00	364 72	33 03	56 99	149 50	149 50	22 60	51 55	239 66	53 00		36 00			

Money Collected for Local Purposes.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Pastor's Support.	P. E. Support.	Pastor's Traveling Expenses	P. E. Trav. Expenses.	Purchasing Building or repairing ch'h Property.	Current Expenses of Trustees.	Current Expenses of Stewards.	Charitable Purposes	Total.	Twin City Union Society
Bethel, Wylie Street	J. W. Gazaway	1 200 00	180 00			750 00	1 100 00	30 60	60 00	6 420 00	
Euclid Ave., E. E	J. W. Jeffries	1 000 00	86 85			1 879 41	292 54	197 14	100 11	4 127 87	
Williamsport	D. E. Johnson	534 64	88 00			168 55	482 96	28 00	7 40	1 511 15	
Scranton	J. M. Gilmere	700 00	48 00	46 00		29 00	587 37				
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	800 00	60 00			232 07	51 00	23 00			
Altoona	T. A. J. West	319 39	32 00				141 63	65	6 30	560 40	
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	600 00	36 00	3 45		172 00	382 52	18 37		1 427 45	
New Haven	T. A. Green	565 11	40 00	17 00	4 00	626 39	144 10	35 97	9 00	1 503 44	
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	266 00	32 00		2 00	37 25		143 09	5 00	485 34	
Braddock	W. N. Young	411 00	32 00			583 03	172 80	33 00	36 60	1 159 23	
Phillipsburg and Curwensville	J. M. Wilkes	430 37	32 00	25 50		100 25	25 60	2 00	1 20	578 36	
Tyrone	A Smothers	289 40	26 00	18 60		40 70	11 65	20 00		651 25	
Bloomsburg	D. Newsom	493 65	41 50	30 75		150 25	9 00	5 00		1 076 85	
Bedford and Everette	O. T. Davis	161 00	23 65	2 00	2 00	20 00	50 00	40 00	50	309 80	
Montrose Circuit	Charles Garner	228 99	32 86	7 00	1 00		25 00	5 00		317 70	
Lock Haven and Jersey Shore	J. W. Riley	135 00	23 00	8 00	8 00	7 00					
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	38 00	2 50			3 50	3 50	1 25	1 55	54 76	
Total		7 943 56	783 50	151 30	16 00	3 949 40	2 304 67	547 17	167 66	12 470 95	

ALLEGHANY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	1 100 00	140 00		4 00	257 34	550 73	24 30	160 41	3 384 83		
Chartiers Street	B. H. Lee	704 50	60 00		4 00	344 09	115 38	6 17	13 70	1 415 25		
South Side, Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	741 83	37 65		6 00	3 127 70	175 00	15 00	94 16	4 273 33		
New Brighton	H. A. Grant	650 00	50 00	10 00		8 00	338 00	22 76	25 00	1 395 41		
West Bridgewater	Richard Brown	441 90	36 00	3 10	2 00	197 40	175 28	19 87	2 50	976 35		
Sewickley	Eli McKnight	364 16	24 00			334 16	40 00			796 12		
Oil City	P. A. Scott	629 00	53 75			551 00	173 21	41 13	17 00	1 672 60		
Franklin	H. G. Thomas	510 40	32 00	5 00	4 00	221 58	75 08	6 78	6 45	945 00		
Meadville	J. W. Brown	220 56	40 00	3 50	5 85	221 18	116 37	5 82	2 95	667 91		
Bradford and Kane	S. C. Honesty	422 53	32 00	14 00	8 00	298 53	100 00	10 00	5 09	824 06		
Erie	C. J. Powell	345 86	41 00	7 00		775 09	57 95	2 00		1 328 90		
Homestead	S. A. Lewis	499 61	33 50			831 52	130 83	5 00		1 593 46		
Monongahela	R. H. Bumry	500 00	40 00			778 88	137 82	38 26	12 65	1 635 11		
Charleroi	S. P. West	564 00	32 00			312 00	76 80	1 64		1 040 06		
Elizabeth	W. H. Brown	603 00	48 00		2 00	100 00	75 00	15 00	10 00	935 41		
Titusville	I. B. Fill	500 00	46 00		3 00		88 41		20 50	727 22		
West Newton and West Elizabeth	J. J. Norris	427 09	41 00		5 00	128 00	88 98	7 35	5 15	895 2		
McKeesport	C. N. Butts	375 75	42 45	2 00	42 55	261 44	116 44	22 77	5 00	746 86		
Belle Vernon and Monessen	C. T. Smith	553 50	31 11			713 65	53 43			1 144 57		
Pleasant Green and Pike's Run	A. E. Walden	325 00	20 00							500 0		
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	35 00	8 00									
Bellevue	Charles Addison	57 67	16 00	17 60	4 00	100 00	63 84	13 33		264 24		
Kittanning	C. E. Wheeler	228 58	23 00	3 50			98 84			337 42		
Olean	B. A. L. Powell	154 00	22 00			35 75	10 00	2 00		305 25		
New Kensington	G. W. Webster	24 39	8 00				70 00	51	1	102 30		
Total		9 889 33	872 69	65 70	90 40	9 069 63	2 353 61	208 30	333 57	24 941 19		

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling, W. Va	D. S. Bentley	712 00	60 00			213 80	150 00	68 66	25 00	1 416 07		
Washington, Pa	W. S. Lowery	1 000 00	80 00	4 50	4 00	500 00	228 00	64 00	40 00	1 920 50		
Canonsburg	G. G. Skinner	850 00	80 00		2 75	1 720 27	91 00	132 98	8 00	3 619 23		
West Middletown	J. T. Simmons	100 00	12 00			250 00				300 00		
Waynesburg	J. P. Stephens	330 57	33 20	33 38	4 80		90 57	53 85		618 05		
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	892 62	48 00	3 60	4 00	1 356 52	261 50	7 63	8 00	2 579 73		
Brownsville	Carter Wright	432 09	50 00	4 30	4 10		317 22	3 47	83 75	1 067 84		
Wellsburg, W. Va	R. M. Henderson	165 87	25 00	1 30						646 09		
Morganstown	S. Christian	200 00	32 00	2 20						234 20		
Clarksburg	J. E. Morris	445 00	40 00	3 70		629 05				1 171 16		
Parkersburg	E. R. Bazier	300 00	33 25	6 55	1 25	197 62	200 00	30 40	3 75	806 08		
Weston, Sutton and Stout's Mills	L. V. Jones	281 78	24 00	36 00	6 00	135 58	39 47	2 85	8 00	510 35		
Buckhannon and Indian Camp	S. B. Morris	487 48	24 00	197 37	46 00	7 31				957 14		
Beverly, Elkins and Coketon	J. W. Hayes	25 50	11 89			30 00	6 00			49 44		
Charleston	C. P. Hurrington	159 45	7 50			89 55	113 66	1 70	3 00	390 46		
Boone, Raleigh and Wyoming Circuit	L. A. Barber	123 00	31 94			2 10	4 00	50	93	179 18		
Huntingdon and Ceredo	J. A. Latterbury	63 82	24 37				11 42	2 00		241 33		
Sistersville	C. H. Arnold	51 58	18 15				57 50			152 04		
Elkins	A. C Hayes	80 00	13 00	13 00			8 00		11 00	127 00		
Cassada Forks	J. W. Hays	1 65	3 00							9 15		
Total		5 123 59	574 93	305 26	72 90	4 397 80	1 476 92	364 98	191 43	14 523 75		
Grand Total		22 936 48	2 241 12	522 26	179 30	18 160 83	7 235 20	1 150 45	1 232 66	57 458 89		

Sunday School Numerical Statistics.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	PASTORS.	No. Sunday Schools.	Officers	Teachers	Pupils	Conversions	No. Circulating Books in Library	Bibles	Hymn Books	No. Lesson Helps taken Quarterly	Missionary Societies	Temperance Societies	Value Church Property	Indebtedness	Balance in Steward's Treasury.	Balance in Trustee's Treasury.
Bethel, Wylie Street	J. W. Gazaway	1	15	19	200	..	200	50	110	266	1	1	100 000 00	150 00	.....	.....
Euclid Avenue, E. E.	J. W. Jeffries	1	7	12	110	9	325	100	75	50	2	1	30 000 00	10 718 95	9 00	188 00
Williamsport	D. E. Johnson	1	8	11	75	1	50	.....	100	100	1	..	15 500 00	1 857 51	.....	22 54
Scranton	J. M. Gilmere	1	7	3	35	...	100	10	12	50	1	...	8 000 00	130 00	.....	20 00
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	1	8	13	80	...	294	24	100	38	1	...	7 000 00	1 800 00	.....	15 00
Altoona	T. A. J. West	1	5	5	49	7	150	17	12	50	1	...	5 000 00	468 90	.....	.....
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	1	7	10	50	5	100	13	38	60	2	...	2 000 00	1 148 64	.....	6 27
New Haven	T. A. Green	1	3	3	70	..	2	12	10	24	2	1	3 000 00	679 84	.....	.....
Greensburg	M. S. Jones	1	3	3	18	...	100	8	20	35	1	...	2 000 00	11 00	.....	.....
Braddock	W. N. Young	1	7	3	25	4	100	25	25	30	1	..	3 000 00	636 00	.....	5 26
Phillipsburg and Curwensville	J. M. Wilkes	1	7	3	35	...	100	10	12	50	1	...	130 00	.....	20 00	.....
Tyrone	A. Smothers	1	6	4	35	...	208	48	50	25	1	...	4 000 00	1 184 75	.....	2 83
Bloomsburg	D. Newsom	4	12	12	71	5	850	75	100	100	...	...	3 000 00	10 00	.....	18 24
Bedford and Everette	O. T. Davis	2	10	4	30	2	100	75	30	35	1	...	1 020 00	185 00	.....	.....
Montrose	Charles Gaines	3	10	9	40	...	.....	.....	.....	38	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lock Haven and Jersey Shore	J. W. Riley	2	7	4	30	...	140	12	24	40	2	...	2 000 00	2 00	.....	7 00
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	1	4	3	17	...	35	6	26	.....	...	...	1 000 00	.....	.....	.....
Total		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

ALLEGHANY DISTRICT.

Brown Chapel	R. H. Morris	1	10	22	225	10	354	110	100	192	1	1	20	550	00	.....		40	20	118	08
Chartiers Street	B. H. Lee	1	5	5	30	6	206	50	30	50	1	..		5	000	00	1	200	00	.....		7	80
South Side, Pittsburg	T. J. Askew	1	6	5	40	8	100	24	36	43	1	1	10	000	00	4	300	00	.....		40	00	
New Brighton	H. A. Grant	1	7	5	70	18	50	25	25	60	1	...		3	000	00		683	87	.....		.....	
West Bridgewater	Richard Brown	1	5	5	30	3	500	20	.....	30	1	...		2	500	00		110	00	.....		3	68
Sewickley	Eli McKnight	1	3	2	20	..	120	14	18	25	1	..		3	500	00		416	00	.....		12	00
Oil City	P. A. Scott	1	8	7	60	28	300	35	36	64	1	1		4	500	00		571	00	40	00	.....	
Franklin	H. G. Thomas	1	10	5	51	22	100	25	75	60	1	1		3	000	00		90	00	.....		8	00
Meadville	J. W. Brown	1	7	5	35	2	200	24	24	30	1	1		2	000	00		.....		.....		.....	
Bradford and Kane	S. C. Honesty	1	5	4	3	...	100	..	..	50	1	...		3	000	00		253	00	.....		30	00
Erie	C. J. Powell	1	9	4	45	1	110	30	24	75	1	...		2	000	00		400	00	27		9	25
Homestead	S. A. Lewis	1	5	4	32	...	97	12	15	60	1	...		10	000	00	1	431	00	.....		71	37
Monongahela	R. H. Bumry	1	4	5	60	4	60	40	30	50	1	...		10	000	00	3	185	18	5	19	7	09
Charleroi	S. P. West	1	5	5	49	8	24	.....	18	60	1	...		2	000	00		920	32	14	94	13	15
Elizabeth	W. H. Brown	1	5	3	35	3	300	28	19	55	1	1		2	000	00		210	34	.....		3	82
Titusville	I. B. Till	1	7	4	51	...	236	12	24	35	1	1		2	700	00		.....		48	00	39	00
West Newton and West Elizabeth	J. J. Norris	2	10	7	44	3	210	22	25	55	2	...		4	000	00		.....		5	40	51	66
McKeesport	C. N. Butts	1	5	4	32	...	50	12	20	20	1	...		.....				877	86	.....		.....	
Belle Vernon and Monessen	G. T. Smith	2	10	10	80	1	48	11	25	30	2	2		2	600	00		937	00	.....		.....	
Pleasant Green and Pike's Run	A. E. Walden	2	6	6	20	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...		2	000	00		.....		.....		.....	
Duquesne	H. J. Williams	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		1	000	00		.....		.....		.....	
Bellevue	Charles Addison	1	2	3	40	3	70	24	24	60	...	1		700	00			116	81	.....		2	19
Kittanning	C. E. Wheeler	1	3	2	17	...	24	4	12	20	1	...		60	00			.....		1	61	.....	
New Kensington	G. W. Webster	1	3	2	25	..	.....	3	25	.....	..	...		.....				.....		.....		5	15
Olean	B. A. L. Powell	1	4	3	17	...	24	.....	24	30	...	...		1	600	00		.....		.....		490	00
Total		23	123	107	1053	00	2801	466	679	1061	20	10	77	210	00	13	041	38	75	61	.....	

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling, W. Va	D. S. Bendy	1	6	7	73	3	227	.....	1	58	1	...	10	000	00	—	70	05	.....		3	35
Washington, Pa	W. S. Lowry	1	5	13	200	50	150	50	30	225	1	2	25	000	00	.....			21	00	1	700	00
Canonsburg	G. G. Skinner	1	6	8	100	15	150	48	.....	150	3	...	9	000	00		940	00	.....		1	628	77
West Middletown	T. J. Simmons	1	3	4	20	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	000	00	.....			.....		.....		
Waynesburg	J. P. Stephens	1	4	4	42	...	150	.....	20	30	1	..	2	000	00		199	13	.....		3	00	
Uniontown	G. C. Sampson	1	6	5	75	7	150	12	12	70	1	..	10	000	00	4	478	86	.....		.....		
Brownsville	Carter Wright	1	10	11	80	2	180	.....	6	75	1	...	3	000	00		45	51	.....		65		
Wellsburg, W. Va	R. M. Henderson	1	5	3	20	...	.....	.....	48	20	1	...		850	50		183	70	.....		.....		
Morgantown	S. Christian	1	2	2	46	...	30	6	..	60	...	...	2	000	00		35	00	.....		.....		
Clarksburg	J. E. Morris	1	7	6	40	2	100	24	24	40	1	1	2	000	00		300	00	.....		.....		
Parkersburg	E. R. Bazier	1	5	3	20	...	25	15	25	15	1	...	2	500	00	1	600	00	.....		55	00	
Weston, Sutton and Stout's Mills	L. V. Jones	2	10	8	65	...	65	16	18	30	2	..	3	000	00		287	15	.....		50		
Buckhannon and Indian Camp	S. B. Morris	1	3	6	38	...	25	12	.....	34	1	...	1	200	00		57	32	.....		2	20	
Beverly, Elkins and Coketon	J. W. Hayes	1	4	2	12	...	.....	.....	.....	23	...	...		250	00		358	90	.....		3	00	
Charleston	C. P. Hurrington	1	4	3	20	...	.....	.....	12	25	...	...	6	000	00	3	300	00	.....		.....		
Boone, Raleigh and Wyoming Circuit	L. A. Barber	3	9	9	62	...	.....	.....	.....	60	1	1		200	00		20	00	.....		2	10	
Huntingdon and Ceredo	J. A. Latterbury	1	6	7	26	6	9	1	10	30	1	...		700	00		200	85	.....		.....		
Sistersville	C. H. Arnold	1	3	2	10	...	24	.....	6	12	...	...		.....			.....		.....		.....		
Elkins	A. C. Hayes	2	9	3	30	...	18	.....	.....	30	...	...		100	00		.....		.....		.....		
Cassedy Forks	J. W. Hays	1	4	2	10	...	.....	.....	.....	10	...	...		.....			.....		.....		.....		
Total		21	93	108	897	77	1194	159	.....	927	14	3	75	100	50	11	558	82	21	00	3	397	17

Sunday School Financial Statistics.

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CHARGES.	PASTORS.	Support of Sunday School.	For all Missions by Sunday Schools	Educational Fund	Sunday School Union	Church Extension	Total collected by Sunday School.	Value of Sunday School Property	Indebtedness	Balance in Sunday School Treasury.	Quarterly Review.	No. Allen Endeavor Societies.	Amount collected by Society.	Number in Society	Christian Recorders taken	Southern Recorder taken.	Voice of Missions	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized,	Marriages.	Deaths.
Bethel, Wylie Street	J. W. Gazaway	2 00	22 41	4 79	2 75	2 76	150 00	200 00	.....	104 00	...	1	25 00	120	.....	.....	12	2	26	23	32
Euclid Avenue, E. E	J. W. Jeffries	46 85	16 64	8 58	3 94	3 94	63 31	300 00	.....	7 12	2	1	28 85	50	21	2	7	14	14	11	4
Williamsport	C. Asbury	.....	3 00	8 83	2 00	2 00	85 90	.....	6 00	66	...	...	.....	.....	5	.....	6	3	4	1	3
Scranton	J. M. Gilmere	10 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	3 00	.....	...	1	.....	10	3	1	...	1	2	1	1
Wilkesbarre	J. H. Grant	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	300 00	.....	5 00	...	.....	.....	.....	5	1	1	...	15	4	8
Altoona	T. A. J. West	9 00	9 00	4 00	1 50	1 50	33 77	.....	.....	4 00	...	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1	...	...	1	3
Bellefonte	C. N. Woodson	.....	27 85	10 38	4 06	4 06	69 92	.....	.....	3 60	1	.....	.....	50	1	.....	1	5	2	2	3
New Haven	T. A Green	.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	8 55	.....	.....	2 50	...	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	3	3	4	2
Greenburg	M. S. Jones	.....	.....	.....	50	50	1 00	.....	.....	50	...	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	...	...	...	3	2
Braddock	W. N. Young	16 68	6 00	2 00	1 50	1 50	27 68	25 00	...	4 05	...	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	2	7	5	4	2
Philipsburg and Curwensville	J. M. Wilkes	12 29	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1	2	1	...	...
Tyrone	A. Smothers	16 30	6 00	5 00	1 05	1 00	29 03	95 00	.....	6 30	1	1	3 75	18	1	.....	1	2	7	1	...
Bloomsburg	D. Newsom	15 00	2 00	5 00	50	50	60 00	75 00	.....	10 07	...	.....	.....	...	3	.....	1	...	3	1	3
Duquesne, Milton and Muncey	H. J. Williams	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 56	2 50	.....	37	...	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	...	...	3	...	...
Bedford and Everette	O. T. Davis	.....	1 00	.....	1 15	1 15	6 80	10 00	.....	1 00	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	8	3	5
Montrose	Charles Gaines	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...
Lock Haven and Jersey Shore	J. W. Riley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	40 00	.....	6 00	1	...	.....	.....	1	.....	1	...	2	2	...
Total		199 44	71 40	41 76	17 20	17 15	509 34	890 50	9 00	.....	5	4	32 60	137	54	4	22	32	61	35	68

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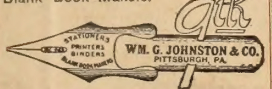
Stationers, Printers, Binders,
Blank Book Makers.



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